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The plan of the present report is similar to that of the reports of previous years, and the statements and tables appended are the same in form as those appended to the Report for 1891.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

I.—THE HIGH COURT.

Original Suits. Institutions.

2. The number of Civil Suits, including Divorce, Admiralty, Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases, pending on the Original Side of the High Court at the end of 1891 was 733, and the number instituted during 1892 was 720. There was thus a total of 1,453 cases for disposal in 1892, as compared with 1,195 cases in 1891, there having, therefore, been an increase in the year under report of 258 cases.

The number of suits of each class instituted during 1892 was as follows :—

Suits for possession of immovable property	14
Suits for declaratory decrees	14
Suits under the Specific Relief Act	3
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption	2
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	11
Suits for an account	107
Suits for dissolution of marriage	5
Suits for partition	18
Suits relating to shipping	1
Administration Suits	22
Suits for dissolution of partnership	7
Suits under Section 261 of Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act and Probate and Administration Act)	7
Suits for specific money claims	489
Suits not falling under any of the previous heads	20
TOTAL	720

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The value of suits for specific money claims was R44,13,072-9-6 in the past, as compared with R38,87,457-11-11 in the previous year.

Suits decided.

	Decided.	Pending at the close of the year.
Original suits, including Admiralty, Testamentary and Intestate (contentious) cases	610	821
Divorce suits . . .	7	13
	617	834

3. The number of suits decided in 1892 was 617, and the number left undisposed of at the end of the year was 834.

Of the suits decided—

98 were dismissed for default or want of prosecution,
42 were withdrawn with leave,
37 were determined by compromise;
88 were decreed on confession;
166 were decreed *ex parte*;
5 were dismissed *ex parte*;
2 were decreed upon award;
143 were decreed after contest; and
36 were dismissed after contest.

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In addition to the above cases, plaints were, in two instances, either rejected or returned.

Probate and Letters of Administration; Interlocutory applications, etc.

4. There were also disposed of during the year 411 petitions for Probate and Letters of Administration, 1,927 interlocutory applications (including applications for injunctions, for the appointment of Receivers, for the discovery of documents, etc.), and 219 applications for execution.

References to take accounts, etc.

5. The number of references to take accounts, to make inquiries in order to settle conveyances, etc., pending at the commencement of the year, was 124. Fresh references were directed by the Court in 216 cases. Of the total number of 340 references, 198 were disposed of as follows:—

2 by a Judge in Chambers,
170 by the Registrar,
1 by the Deputy Registrar,
15 by the Second Assistant Registrar, and
10 were struck off the reference list and treated as abandoned under Rule 159 of Belchambers' Rules and Orders

In 48 of the cases disposed of by the Registrar, that officer conducted the sale of properties ordered to be sold otherwise than in the ordinary course of execution after an enquiry as to the title and after settlement of the conditions of sale. The number of such references in 1890 and 1891 was 175 and 204 respectively.

Proclamations under Section 287, Conveyances and Sureties.

6. During the year the Registrar further settled the proclamation of sale by the Sheriff in the ordinary course of execution in 36 cases, in all of which it was found necessary to examine witnesses. He also settled 17 conveyances and inquired into the sufficiency of 488 sureties.

Appeals from the Original Jurisdiction.

7. The number of Appeals from the Original to the Appellate Side of the Court pending at the commencement of 1892 was 32, and 24 new Appeals were preferred during the year, making a total of 56. Of these 5 were dismissed for default and 26 were decided, the decrees of the Court of First Instance being affirmed in 25 cases and reversed in one case. Twenty-five such Appeals remained undecided at the close of the year.

References from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes.

8. Eight references from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes were pending at the commencement of 1892 and 4 fresh references were made during the year under report, making a total of 12. Of these 8 were disposed of, one

being dismissed for default, one remanded for a new trial, and the judgment of the Court below being confirmed in 3 cases and reversed in 3 cases.

9. During the year 7 applications for the transfer of cases from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes were made to the High Court under Section 38 of the Presidency Small Cause Court Act, with the result that 3 applications were refused and 4 granted. Inclusive of the transferred case pending at the close of 1891, there were 5 such cases on the files of the High Court during 1892, and of these 4 were disposed of with the result that the decision of the Small Cause Court was upheld in one case, in two cases it was set aside and in the remaining case it was modified. Applications for the transfer of cases from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes.

10. The number of cases pending in the Insolvency Court at the commencement of the year was 117 and the number instituted during the year was 113, making a total of 230. Of these 105 were disposed of as follows:—23 cases were withdrawn or dismissed, in 4 the adjudication was set aside, and in 78 cases the insolvents obtained relief. Insolvent cases.

Of the persons who sought relief in the cases disposed of, 47 were traders within the meaning of the Insolvency Act, 45 were private persons, and 58 were persons employed in public and other offices.

11. There were also disposed of during the year 788 applications for *ad interim* protection and other miscellaneous applications. Miscellaneous applications.

12. For the hearing of Original Suits, including the cases transferred from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes and applications, one Judge sat alone for 87 days, two Judges sat together for two days, two Judges sat separately and simultaneously for 112 days, and three Judges sat separately and simultaneously for one day. A reference to take accounts occupied one Judge for two days. The Insolvent Court engaged the time of one Judge for 44 days, and Appeals from the Original Side, together with references from the Calcutta Court of Small Causes, occupied a Bench of three Judges for 46 days and a Bench of two Judges for 2 days. Duration of sittings.

13. No Appeals to the Privy Council were pending at the commencement of the year 1892, nor were any admitted during the year. Appeals to the Privy Council.

14. The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the High Court on the Original Side during 1892:— Receipts and Expenditure.

RECEIPTS.

	R
Commission of the Accountant General	14,028
Commission on sales by the Registrar	7,420
Receiver's Commission	30,469
Other fees realized by means of stamps	1,99,509
Fine	50
	2,51,476
Probate and Administration duty	2,79,178*
TOTAL	5,30,654

EXPENDITURE.

	R
Salaries of Judges	62,450
Establishment	1,67,956
Contingencies	18,178
TOTAL	2,48,584

* These figures are for the calendar year 1892.

15. The number of existing accounts with the Bank of Bengal at the end of 1891 was 417; 53 new accounts were opened, while 38 were closed during the year 1892, and there were thus at its close 432 existing accounts. Accountant General's Office.

The suitors' funds operated upon through the Accountant General's Office consisted at the end of 1892 of the following items :—

	R
Government Securities for the nominal sum of . . .	78,79,800
Cash	5,80,809

The Accountant General also checked and countersigned during the year 538 cheques issued by the Official Assignee of the Court for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, for payment of dividends, etc.

The amount of Commission realized and accounted for to Government during the year is shown under the heading of " Receipts."

All other fees levied during theyear, amounting to R2,523, are included in the item of " Other fees realized by means of stamps."

Taxing office.

16. The number of bills taxed during the year was as follows :—

Between Party and Party	565
„ Attorney and client	365

The Court-fees for taxation during the year amounted to R16,823. This sum is also included in the item of " Other fees realized by means of stamps."

Financial results.

17. The following figures exhibit the financial results for the last three years, including the duty realized on the grant of Probate and Letters of Administration :—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus.
	R	R	R
In 1890	4,21,808	2,60,375	1,61,433
„ 1891	5,62,398	2,46,133	3,16,265
„ 1892	5,30,654	2,48,584	2,82,070

In the following table are shown the financial results on the Original Side of the High Court for the last three years, exclusive of the duty realized on the grant of Probate and Letters of Administration and the salaries of the Judges employed on the Original Side :—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Surplus.
	R	R	R
In 1890	2,28,744	1,76,675	52,069
„ 1891	2,36,863	1,85,528	51,335
„ 1892	2,51,476	1,86,134	65,342

If, however, the salaries of the Judges be taken into account, without the receipts from Probates and Letters of Administration, the result is a surplus of R2,892 in 1892, as against the deficit of R9,269 shown in the corresponding account of the previous year.

II.—CIVIL COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Re-constitution of Courts.

18. During the year under report the outlying Munsifis of Muradnagar and Ramroygram in the District of Tippera were, on the recommendation of the High Court, abolished, and their jurisdictions amalgamated with that of the Munsif of Comilla with effect from the 24th of October, 1892. The Small Cause Court at Monghyr in the Bhagalpur District was also abolished, a Subordinate Judge with powers of a Small Cause Court being appointed in its place.

Owing to the abolition of the Small Cause Courts mentioned in paragraph 24 of the Report for 1891 and the Court at Monghyr referred to above, there are at present only 11 Small Cause Courts outside the Presidency Town, *viz.*, at Hooghly, Howrah, Serampore, Sealdah, Dacca, Munshiganj, Dum-Dum, Barrackpore, Dinapore, Darjeeling and Kurseong. The presiding Officers of Dum-Dum, Barrackpore and Dinapore are Cantonment Magistrates, and those of the Darjeeling and Kurseong Courts Executive Officers. It has been found more convenient to maintain such Courts only at large towns where the Judges are likely to be occupied exclusively on business of the Small Cause Court class, and to appoint at other places ordinary Civil Judges vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court.

It was stated in paragraph 69 of the report for 1891 that the sanction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India had been obtained to the permanent employment of 4 Additional Subordinate Judges and 55 Additional Munsifs. These Officers were posted at the stations shown in the following statement :—

Subordinate Judges.

District	Total number of additional Subordinate Judges sanctioned	District	Total number of additional Sub Judges sanctioned.
Bhagalpur	1	Patna—Saran—Tirhut . .	1*
Dacca	1	Shahabad	1

* This Subordinate Judge was employed throughout the year in Tirhut

Munsifs.

District.	Total number of additional Munsifs sanctioned	Station		District	Total number of additional Munsifs sanctioned	Station	
				Brought forward	26		
Backergunge .	4	Barisal . .	2	Jessore . .	6	Narail . . .	1
		Patuakhali	1			Magura and Narail .	1
		District . .	1			Jhenida . .	1
						Magura . . .	1
						Khulna . . .	1
Bankura . .	1	District . . .	1			Satkhira . . .	1
				Midnapore .	3	Midnapore . .	2
Birbhum . .	1	Bolpur and Rampur Hât	1			Contai . . .	1
Bhagalpur .	2	Madhipura and Begusarai . . .	1	Murshidabad .	1	District . . .	1
		Bhagalpur . .	1	Mymensingh .	3	District . .	1
						Sadar . . .	1
						Bajitpore . . .	1
				Noakhali .	2	District . . .	1
						Hattia . . .	1
Burdwan . .	1	District . . .	1	Nadia	2	Kushtia and Ranaghat	1
						Meherpur . . .	1
Chittagong .	3	Patiya and Anwara .	1	Patna . .	1	Sadar . . .	1
		District .	1	Pabna-Bogra	1	Pabna . . .	1
		Hathhazari and Phatikchari . . .	1	Purnea . .	1	Kishanganj . .	1
				Rajshahi .	1	Malda . . .	1
Cuttack . .	2	District . . .	1	Saran .	2	Motihari . .	1
		Kendrapara . .	1			Siwan . . .	1
Dacca . .	5	Dacca . .	1	Shahabad .	1	Buxar . . .	1
		Do and Manikganj	1	Tippera . .	4	Nabinagar . .	1
		Munshiganj .	3			Brahmanbaria . .	1
Faridpur .	3	Faridpur and Madaripur . . .	1			Kusba . .	1
						Chandpore . . .	1
		Bhanga . .	1	Tirhut . .	1	District . . .	1
		Chikandi . . .	1	24-Parganas .	1	Alipore . . .	1
Hooghly . .	4	Serampore . . .	2				
		Jahanabad . .	1				
		Ampta and Ulubaria .	1				
	26				56		

NOTE.—*Fifty-six new appointments were sanctioned by the Secretary of State, but as the Munsif of Purulia (Chota Nagpur) was abolished, as stated in paragraph 69 of the report for 1891, the Munsif of that place was appointed to Meherpur (Nadia), one of the new appointments sanctioned, and only 55 additional officers were appointed.*

Original suits instituted, disposed of, and pending. (*Table A.*)

19. The total number of original suits instituted and decided in the Civil Courts of the Lower Provinces subordinate to the High Court during each of the past three years, and the number pending at the close of those years are shown below :—

Year.	Revived or received on remand or review.	Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
1890	10,051	456,463	462,225	87,611
1891	10,964	477,400	485,213	90,792*
1892	12,500	525,949	546,434	82,807

* Revised figures.

There was thus a further considerable increase in the number of suits instituted during the past year as compared with the institutions of preceding years. The number, it should be mentioned, is much in excess of that of any previous year and is double the number of suits instituted during 1861. There was also a satisfactory increase in the number of cases decided, and in consequence the pending files were appreciably reduced from 90,792 at the close of 1891 to 82,807 at the close of 1892. Of the pending cases 1,024 had been pending for more than one year, 3,583 for more than six months and 23,318 for more than three months, the corresponding figures for 1891 being 1,846, 4,991 and 31,082. This reduction is satisfactory, but it should be borne in mind too that the additional Officers were appointed on consideration of the returns of the year 1888, and that since then there has been a very considerable increase of business.

A further considerable decrease in the number of cases instituted in the Provincial Courts of Small Causes occurred in 1892 in consequence of the abolition of several Courts. This change has necessarily transferred a large number of cases for trial to the Ordinary Civil Courts, in which suits of the Small Cause Court class consequently show an increase of 32,481, in advance of the increase of 21,490 reported in 1891.

	Regular Civil Courts.	Small Cause Courts.
1890	412,669	43,794
1891	434,961	42,439
1892	508,517	17,432

Fluctuations in suits instituted.

20. It has been already stated that the litigation in 1892 was in excess of any previous year. The increase in the number of suits instituted in the Regular Civil Courts was very general, for in only five Districts was there any falling off in comparison with the returns of the previous year, and in these the variations were not considerable. There was an increase of more than 1,100 suits in each of the following Districts :—

Districts.	Institutions. 1891.	Institutions. 1892.	Increase.	Districts.	Institutions. 1891.	Institutions. 1892.	Increase.
Nadia	8,087	19,712	11,625	Midnapore . . .	23,496	26,843	3,347
Jessore . . .	30,971	41,074	10,103	Backergunge . .	27,791	30,842	3,051
Dacca	25,610	31,799	6,189	Rajshahi . .	9,589	11,900	2,311
Rangpur . . .	16,956	21,475	4,519	Dinajpur . . .	9,447	11,394	1,947
Pabna-Bogra . .	11,612	15,921	4,309	Purnea . . .	10,535	12,000	1,465
Murshidabad . .	11,917	16,031	4,114	24-Parganas . .	27,818	29,245	1,427
Bhagalpur . . .	13,270	17,310	4,040	Noakhali . . .	14,986	16,334	1,348
Faridpur . . .	23,769	27,717	3,948	Burdwan . . .	12,874	14,026	1,152
Mymensingh . .	29,004	32,816	3,812	Chittagong . . .	15,983	17,173	1,190

Amongst these Districts the increase has been greatest in recent years in Dacca, Rangpur and Pabna-Bogra.

In Birbhum, Saran, Tippera and Tirhut there was an increase of a little over 900, and in Patna and Bankura of a little over 400 suits. The five Districts in which there was a decrease in civil litigation are Chota-Nagpur, Cuttack, Gaya, Hooghly and Shahabad, the returns for which for the last five years are given on the margin and show, as already stated, no material variations. In Gaya and Shahabad there seems to be a tendency towards diminished litigation.

	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892
Chota-Nagpur . . .	5,240	5,086	5,419	5,365	5,792	5,654
Cuttack . . .	11,073	11,114	10,913	12,432	12,441	12,135
Gaya	2,835	2,291	2,316	2 235	2,116	2,107
Hooghly . . .	17,463	18,657	19,418	19,212	18,319	18,277
Shahabad . . .	7,355	7,478	8,119	7,265	7,479	7,038

21. With the exception of Cuttack and Tirhut, where there was a slight decrease in the number of suits decided by the Regular Civil Courts, all the District-returns show an increase in the number of suits decided by such Courts, as compared with the work of the previous year, the most conspicuous being the following :— **Suits decided.**

Districts	Decided. 1891.	Decided. 1892	Increase	Districts.	Decided. 1891	Decided. 1892.	Increase
Nadia . . .	8,521	20,249	11,728	Midnapore . . .	24,162	27,299	3,137
Jessore . . .	33,492	43,480	9,988	Tippera . . .	25,618	28,349	2,731
Dacca	25,105	32,327	7,222	Dinajpur . . .	9,470	11,687	2,217
Bhagalpur . . .	12,122	18,655	6,533	Chittagong . . .	16,300	18,322	2,022
Faridpur . . .	23,058	29,044	5,986	Rajshahi . . .	9,889	11,869	1,980
Mymensingh . .	29,264	34,343	5,079	24-Parganas . .	29,282	31,099	1,817
Rangpur . . .	17,129	22,119	4,990	Burdwan . . .	13,360	15,047	1,687
Pabna-Bogra . .	11,323	15,458	4,135	Purnea . . .	10,843	12,323	1,480
Murshidabad . .	11,911	16,035	4,124	Birbhum . . .	6,359	7,772	1,413
Backergunge . .	28,544	32,263	3,719	Noakhali . . .	15,107	16,487	1,380
				Saran . . .	10,131	11,334	1,203

In Bankura and Hooghly there was an increase of a little over 600 suits decided, while the returns of Chota-Nagpur, Gaya, Patna and Shahabad show no material variation. In many of these Districts the number of Judicial Officers was increased during the year under review.

22. There was an increase of pending cases on the files of eleven Districts, the most marked being in the following two :— **Pending files of Original Suits. (*Table A*).**

	Number pending at the close of 1891.	1892	Increase
Pabna-Bogra	2,234	3,095	861
Rajshahi	1,453	1,705	252

In both of these Districts, however, and especially in the first, there has been a marked increase in the number of cases instituted during recent years. The number of cases determined during the year was, with the assistance of an Additional Munsif in each District, also greater, although it did not equal the number instituted. This would seem to indicate that the number of Judicial Officers is still below what is necessary to keep the business under control.

On the other hand, there was a considerable reduction of arrears in the following eleven Districts :—

	Number pending at the close of		
	1891.	1892	Decrease.
Tippera	6,768	5,278	1,490
Jessore	5,048	4,066	982
Hooghly	4,492	3,530	962
Faridpur	4,968	4,036	932
Bhagalpur	3,823	2,923	900
Mymensingh	7,321	6,530	791
24-Parganas	5,139	4,384	755
Burdwan	2,962	2,362	600
Chittagong	3,842	3,251	591
Nadia	1,823	1,574	249
Birbhum	1,561	1,349	212

With the exception of Hooghly, where there was a falling off in the litigation of the year, and Birbhum and Tippera, where there was a slight increase of business, in all the above-named Districts there was a considerable increase in the number of suits instituted.

Original Suits pending for more than a year (*Table B*)

23. The number of suits pending for more than one year at the close of each of the years 1891 and 1892 is given on the margin, and it will be seen that there was a diminution. Of those pending at the close of 1892, 478 were in the Courts of Munsifs and 546 in the Courts of District and Subordinate Judges. Where the arrears were heaviest there has been a considerable reduction, but they still exist to a very undesirable extent, especially in the Courts of Tippera (190), Mymensingh (103), 24-Parganas (101), Chota-Nagpur (97), Tirhut (88), Faridpur (69), Bhagalpur (63), Gaya (59), Dacca (56) and Saran (50). In two Districts only were there no such arrears, and in eleven Districts the cases in arrear are represented by units only. In Chota-Nagpur the administration of Civil Justice has for some time past been somewhat disorganized owing to the want of the regular Subordinate Judges, whose services had been applied for by the Court many years ago, and the devolution of civil work upon the Deputy Commissioners of the several Districts comprised within the Division, who, as Executive Officers, found themselves unable to devote sufficient time thereto. As, however, the two presiding officers of the abolished groups of Provincial Small Cause Courts in the districts of Jessore and Nadia were transferred during the year to be regular Subordinate Judges in this Division, an improvement may be expected.

	1891	1892.
Original Suits	1,846	1,024

Number and value of suits instituted, 1888 to 1892. (*Table C.*)

24. The total number of suits instituted in 1892, inclusive of cases in the Court of Small Causes, exceeded the number instituted in 1888 by 73,416, or 16·2 per cent. The value of the property in litigation during the same period decreased by R1,31,89,321, or 19·02 per cent. The comparison is affected by several suits of unusually large values instituted in 1888.

In the following statement the Districts have been grouped according to the number of suits instituted during 1892 :—

Exceeding 40,000 suits.

Jessore.

Exceeding 30,000, but not exceeding 40,000 suits.

Dacca.	Mymensingh.
24-Parganas.	Backergunge.

Exceeding 20,000, but not exceeding 30,000 suits.

Faridpur.	Tippera.
Midnapore.	Hooghly.

Rangpur.

Exceeding 15,000, but not exceeding 20,000 suits.

Nadia.	Noakhali.
Bhagalpur.	Murshidabad.
Chittagong.	Pabna-Bogra.

Exceeding 10,000, but not exceeding 15,000 suits.

Burdwan.	Purnea.
Dinajpur.	Rajshahi.
Cuttack.	Tirhut.

Saran.

Exceeding 5,000, but not exceeding 10,000 suits.

Bankura.	Shahabad.
Birbhum.	Chota-Nagpur.

Exceeding 2,000, but not exceeding 5,000 suits.

Patna.	Gaya.

It is remarkable that the Districts have generally maintained the same places relatively as during 1891, though several have risen into a higher gradation. The pre-eminence of Jessore is due to the large number of rent-suits, which is far in excess of the number in any other District. The position of Dacca and Mymensingh, on the other hand, is due to the returns of suits for money or movables; in suits of the other classes these Districts stand somewhat low on the list. Backergunge stands next to Jessore in the number of rent-suits and returns a comparatively small number of other suits.

25. The following statement shows the number of suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts during 1891 and 1892 :— Classification of suits instituted in 1891 and 1892. (*Table D*)

	1891.	1892.
Suits for money or movables	2,50,478	2,79,442
Suits under the Rent Law	1,89,986	2,08,505
Title and other suits	36,936	38,002

Suits of the last-mentioned class have varied but slightly in number, the return for the year under review being a little in excess of the average of previous years. In suits of the other classes the numbers are much in excess of those of any previous year, and it is remarkable that, except in 1886, when there was a slight check, more than recovered in the following year, the number of rent suits has steadily increased year by year since 1870.

Exclusive of suits instituted in Courts of Small Causes, there were 262,010 suits triable by such Courts instituted in 1892, of which 170,631, or a little under two-thirds, were decided by 145 Munsifs and 20 Subordinate Judges vested with the powers of a Court of Small Causes, *viz.* :—

	R
(*a*) 81 Munsifs with jurisdiction not exceeding	50
(*b*) 64 Munsifs with jurisdiction not exceeding	100
(*c*) 1 Subordinate Judge with jurisdiction not exceeding . .	100
(*d*) 19 Subordinate Judges with jurisdiction not exceeding . .	500

There were also 2 Judges of Small Cause Courts with jurisdiction up to R500, who exercised also the powers of a Subordinate Judge, one at Dacca and

Munshiganj (Dacca) and the second at Monghyr (Bhagalpur). The Court at the last-mentioned place was, however, as already stated, abolished on the 20th September, 1892, the Judge of the Court being appointed a Subordinate Judge and vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of suits cognizable by such a Court up to the value of R500. The Small Cause Court work of these 3 officers has not been included in the above figures, but has been shown separately under the head "Provincial Small Cause Courts."

Eight Munsifs stationed at Dubrajpur (in the District of Birbhum), Hathhazari, Satkania, North Raojan, Anwara, South Raojan, Phatikchari and Patiya (all in the District of Chittagong) were vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court for the trial of suits cognizable by such a Court up to the value of R50 in excess of the number vested with such powers in 1891. Similar powers exercised in 1891 by the Munsifs of Narayanganj (Dacca), Chittagong, and Patiya (Chittagong), Pabna, and Patuakhali and Bhola (Backergunge) were raised during the year under report to R100. Besides the above, a Munsif at each of the stations of Bhanga (Faridpur) and Monghyr (Bhagalpur) was vested for the first time with similar powers. These special powers have during the year been exercised by one or more of the Munsifs stationed at 126 out of the 155 Munsifs in Bengal.

One of the Munsifs at Monghyr in the Bhagalpur District was, on the recommendation of the High Court, vested by the Local Government with exceptional powers under Section 19 (2) of the Civil Courts' Act, XII of 1887, to try under the ordinary procedure original suits up to the value of R2,000.

There was an increase of 53,971 in the number of suits for money or movables instituted in the regular Civil Courts, Bhagalpur, Dacca, Faridpur, Jessore, Midnapore, Murshidabad, Mymensingh, Nadia, Pabna-Bogra, Rajshahi and Rangpur contributing largely to this increase. It must, however, be borne in mind that the Small Cause Courts in Faridpur, Jessore, Midnapore, Murshidabad, Nadia, Pabna-Bogra and Rajshahi were recently abolished, and consequently the work of these Courts has been shown in the returns of the regular Courts.

The increase in title suits occurred chiefly in the districts of Burdwan, Cuttack, Faridpur, Jessore, Midnapore, Noakhali and Tippera.

Inclusive of cases instituted before the Courts of Small Causes, there were more than 10,000 suits for money or movables instituted in each of the following Districts during the past year :—

	1890.	1891.	1892.
Dacca	19,952	24,268	28,112
Mymensingh	18,036	19,389	23,005
24-Parganas	17,882	18,022	18,626
Faridpur	11,369	15,106	17,629
Jessore	14,658	15,540	16,596
Nadia	9,717	11,084	13,601
Midnapore	11,485	11,352	12,626
Tippera	10,777	11,653	12,504
Hooghly	12,344	11,346	12,027
Rangpur	7,719	9,927	12,023
Pabna-Bogra	6,405	8,701	11,355
Cuttack	12,356	12,295	11,265
Backergunge	10,610	11,163	10,982

The returns of the following Districts show that more than 10,000 suits under the Rent Law were instituted in the Civil Courts during 1892 :—

	1890	1891.	1892.
Jessore	21,525	21,685	22,373
Backergunge	17,327	16,768	18,897
24-Parganas	14,010	13,401	14,437
Midnapore	11,479	11,090	12,223
Tippera	10,223	11,402	11,116
Hooghly	11,133	10,408	10,100

In the following Districts the number of suits instituted relating to immovable property and of a miscellaneous character exceeded 2,000 :—

	1890.	1891.	1892.
Chittagong	3,129	3,344	3,302
Tippera	2,733	2,600	2,944
Mymensingh	3,357	3,024	2,885
Hooghly	2,372	2,283	2,373
Jessore	2,112	1,896	2,105
24-Parganas	2,423	2,167	2,064

Chittagong has always headed this list, and this is accounted for by the fact of the very small area of the estates in that District, which makes the average value of suits shown much below that of any other District.

26. The following table classifies the suits for money or movables instituted during the past two years in the Ordinary Civil Courts and in the Courts of Small Causes :— Classification of suits for money or movables. (*Statement 2.*)

	Small Cause Courts.		Regular Civil Courts.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
On written obligation	22,285	6,883	136,307	173,312
On unwritten obligation	4,631	2,351	19,148	25,204
On account stated	2,501	963	14,805	17,995
Money had and received	811	196	3,241	3,919
Goods sold	8,962	5,036	12,720	17,137
Wages, work and materials	723	697	1,688	2,160
Rent not falling under the Rent Law	368	573	4,714	4,857
Movable property or value thereof	406	207	6,342	6,964
Damages	1,420	270	7,213	8,317
Other suits for money or movables not mentioned above	332	256	1,861	2,145
TOTAL	42,439	17,432	208,039	262,010

The conversion for administrative convenience of Small Cause Courts into Courts of Subordinate Judges with the power of Small Cause Courts, already noticed, prevents any proper comparison of these returns.

Classification of suits under the Rent Law

27. The following table contains a comparative statement of the various classes of suits between landlords and tenants and under the Rent Law instituted during the past two years in the Civil and Revenue Courts. As stated in the report for 1891, the latter have still special jurisdiction under the Rent Law of 1859 in Cuttack (including Balasore and Puri), in the Darjeeling portion of the Dinajpur District and in the Jalpaiguri portion of the Rangpur District, and under a special Act in Chota-Nagpur:—

	Civil Courts.		Revenue Courts.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Arrears of rent	1,88,004	2,06,307	11,147	10,948
Enhancement or abatement of rent	932	1,040	66	43
Relating to distraint	91	187	207	168
Damages for extortion	178	125	103	44
For *pottas or kabuliats*	57	159	35	21
For ejectment or recovery of possession	499	408	242	196
For recovery of money or accounts from agents	10	25	19	24
All other suits under the Rent Law	215	254	55	85
TOTAL	189,986	208,505	11,874	11,529

Classification of Title and other suits.

28. The following statement classifies the suits other than rent suits and suits cognisable by a Small Cause Court instituted during the past two years:—

	Number of suits.		Percentage of each class to the total number.	
	1891.	1892	1891.	1892
Suits for immovable property	20,420	20,883	55·29	54·95
Suits for declaratory decrees	1,292	1,234	3·5	3·25
Other suits under the Specific Relief Act	7,165	7,467	19·4	19·65
Suits to declare and establish rights to real property	4,604	4,531	12·46	11·92
Suits to declare and establish personal rights	276	440	·75	1·16
Suits for an account	886	930	2·39	2·45
Suits relating to religious endowments	25	35	·06	·09
Suits to set aside judgments, etc., on the ground of fraud	534	502	1·45	1·32
Suits for dissolution of marriage	42	28	·12	·08
Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights	481	462	1·3	1·21
Suits for partition	562	588	1·52	1·55
Suits relating to shipping	...	...	...	...
Suits relating to religion and caste	7	2	·02	·01
Administration suits	11	13	·03	·03
Interpleader suits	3	6	·01	·02
Dissolution of partnership	8	21	·02	·06
Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act)	353	444	·96	1·16
Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads	267	416	·72	1·09
TOTAL	36,936	38,002	100·	100·

29. The following statement gives the value of suits of each class instituted during each of the past two years:— Suits valued according to class. (*Table E.*)

		1891. R	1892. R
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	27,66,329	13,20,216
	Ordinary Courts	2,37,33,026	2,68,59,656
Suits under the Rent Law		96,28,297	1,12,01,050
Title and other suits		2,64,53,572	1,67,49,641
TOTAL		6,25,81,224	5,61,30,563

There has again been a decrease in the value of suits for money or movables instituted in Small Cause Courts caused by the abolition of a number of Courts bearing that designation; but litigation of this description has increased largely everywhere and has resulted in an aggregate increase of more than 31 lakhs in valuation in the ordinary Courts. In Rent suits the increase in value exceeded 15 lakhs. On the other hand, there was a considerable decrease of over 97 lakhs in the value of Title and other suits, but this is a return which is always liable to violent fluctuations caused by the occasional institution of suits for large estates representing unusually high values. The decrease is to be found chiefly in the returns from Bhagalpur, Saran, Patna, Murshidabad, the 24-Parganas and Dinajpur: there was a considerable increase in the value of such suits in Tirhut, Mymensingh, Purnea and Hooghly.

30. The following statement shows the average value of suits of each class:— Average value of suits.

		1891. R	1892. R
Suits for money or movables	Small Cause Courts	65·1	75·7
	Ordinary Courts	114·08	102·5
Suits under the Rent Law		50·6	53·7
Title and other suits		716·2	440·7

31. Further details of the value of the suits instituted during 1892 are given in the following table:— Details of value. (*Statement 3.*)

DETAILS OF VALUE.	SUITS FOR MONEY OR MOVABLES.			Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.
	Small Cause Courts.	REGULAR COURTS.			
		Under Small Cause Court powers.	Under Ordinary powers.		
Not exceeding R 10	2,337	23,255	3,936	61,383	5,950
" " " 50	7,031	112,795	21,449	101,337	16,008
" " " 100	4,159	29,817	24,598	26,404	6,025
" " " 500	3,787	4,384	36,174	16,775	6,885
Exceeding " 500, or value not ascertained	118	...	5,602	2,106	3,134
TOTAL	17,432	170,251	91,759	208,505	38,002

As already pointed out, it is impossible, owing to the administrative changes made during the year, to compare these returns, so far as they relate to Small Cause Courts, with those of previous years. If the business of such Courts be taken with those of other Courts, the litigation in every degree of value and in every class of suit shows an increase as compared with the litigation of 1891.

The following statement gives further details as to 10,456 out of the 10,960 suits in which the value of the property in dispute exceeded R500 :—

	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law	Title and other suits.
Not exceeding Rs. 1,000 in value	3,573	1,194	920
" " " 5,000 "	1,810	842	1,319
" " " 10,000 "	210	45	187
" " " 1,00,000 "	123	21	179
Exceeding " 1,00,000 "	4	1	28
TOTAL	5,720	2,103	2,633

It is remarkable that, save as regards suits between R5,000 and R10,000 in value, there has been an increase in every class and value of suit.

In the remaining 504 cases the value could not be estimated in money.

Suits how determined. (*Table F.*)

32. The results of the decisions of suits during each of the past five years is shown in the following table :—

	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex parte.*	Contested	Total.
1888	178,127	184,705	100,736	463,568
1889	177,595	184,015	99,688	461,298
1890	177,871	184,805	99,549	462,225
1891	184,731	200,374	100,108	485,213
1892	199,629	234,423	112,382	546,434

Of the total number decided in 1892, 20·5 per cent. were contested, the percentages for the previous three years being 20·6, 21·5 and 21·6 per cent. respectively.

The following statement of the details of the above return in respect of each class of suit for the year 1892, shows that, with the exception of suits determined by Courts of Small Causes which fell short considerably of the corresponding figures for 1891, there was a marked increase in the number of suits of all classes decided by the ordinary Courts.

		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex parte.*	Contested.
Courts of Small Causes		6,628	7,557	3,421
Ordinary Courts	Suits for money or movables	107,864	120,050	39,883
	Suits under the Rent Law	65,259	103,662	49,739
	Title and other suits	19,878	3,154	19,339
TOTAL		199,629	234,423	112,382

As stated above, 170,631 suits for money or movables were decided by 145 Munsifs and 20 Subordinate Judges, who were specially vested with powers up to varied pecuniary limits as Courts of Small Causes in respect of such suits. The manner in which these cases were disposed of is shown on the margin.

Withdrawn, etc.	70,291
Decided *ex parte*	78,848
Contested	21,492
TOTAL	170,631

33. Further details of the manner in which suits were decided in the Subordinate Civil Courts are given in the following statement, the cases decided by Small Cause Courts being also shown separately :—

Further details as to manner in which suits were determined. (*Statement 4, Part I.*)

All Courts, including Small Cause Courts			Mode of Disposal.	Small Cause Courts separately.		
1890.	1891.	1892.		1890.	1891.	1892.
1,316	1,213	1,172	Plaints rejected . . .	165	180	58
63,942	68,156	74,857	Default	6,953	6,836	2,691
11,674	13,142	14,177	Withdrawn	495	425	196
2,268	1,818	1,758	Dismissed *ex parte* . . .	121	100	36
21,813	21,401	23,151	Dismissed on trial . . .	1,955	1,621	751
101,013	105,730	115,115	Total number of suits lost by plaintiff	9,689	9,162	3,732
73,479	74,211	79,740	Compromised . . .	5,016	4,567	1,338
27,460	28,009	29,683	Confession	6,307	5,889	2,345
182,537	198,556	232,665	Decreed *ex parte* . . .	17,220	17,256	7,521
77,736	78,707	89,231	Decreed on trial . . .	6,170	5,694	2,670
287,733	305,272	351,579	Total number of suits won by plaintiff	29,697	28,839	12,536
73,479	74,211	79,740	*Add*—suits compromised .	5,016	4,567	1,338
3,61,212	3,79,483	4,31,319	Total .	34,713	33,406	13,874

The percentages of cases decided against, and in favour of, plaintiffs and of those compromised are shown below :—

	1890.	1891.	1892.
Decided against plaintiffs	21·8	21·8	21·
Compromised	15·9	15·3	14·6
Decided in favour of plaintiffs	62·3	62·9	64·4

	1888.	1889	1890	1891	1892.
Against plaintiffs .	23·4	22·2	21·8	21·5	21·2
Compromised .	13·5	12·5	11·3	10·7	7·6
In favour of plaintiffs	63·1	65·3	66·9	67·8	71·2

The figures given on the margin show similar percentages as regards Small Cause Courts for the past five years.

34. The following statement furnishes for each of the past three years the number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*, as also the number of applications for setting aside judgments made and granted in such cases :—

Applications to set aside *ex parte* judgments or judgments in default. (*Table G.*)

	1890.	1891.	1892.
Number of cases dismissed in default or decreed *ex parte*	246,479	266,712	331,933
Number of applications to set aside judgments in such cases	15,796	18,133	18,638
Number of such applications granted . .	8,927	10,136	11,352

The proportion of applications for retrial to the number of cases dismissed in default and judgments delivered *ex parte* in 1892 was 5·6 per cent. as compared with 6·7 the percentage for 1891. Of the applications made during the

year under notice 60 9 per cent. were granted as compared with 55 8 per cent. granted in 1891.

The percentages of applications granted in the several classes of Court taken separately for the past two years are as follow :—

	Percentages	
	1891	1892.
District Judges' Courts	73·2	57 6
Small Cause Courts	65 9	64·6
Subordinate Judges' Courts	51 5	51 7
Munsifs' Courts	55·1	61 3

Decrees how executed. (*Table H*)

35. The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees which resulted in full or partial satisfaction, together with the total amount realised in the Regular Civil Courts :—

	Complete.	Partial	Amount realised.
			R
1890	96,982	62,258	1,58,23,392
1891	103,449	69,137	1,79,16,720
1892	108,451	80,271	1,80,64,526

It is thus shown that the number of decrees in which complete or partial satisfaction was obtained was greater than in previous years, but the amount realised proportionately smaller.

The corresponding figures for Small Cause Courts during the past two years are as follow :—

	Complete	Partial.	Amount realised.
			R
1891	4,039	7,683	3,44,174
1892	1,792	2,527	1,49,166

The largest sums were realised in the Ordinary Civil Courts of the following districts :—

	Amount realised	
	1891.	1892.
	R	R
24-Parganas	10,41,831	13,44,624
Bhagalpur	16,63,112	12,93,606
Tirhut	12,19,930	12,85,264
Tippera	6,63,505	10,54,786
Jessore	7,76,559	10,22,156
Patna	7,67,456	8,78,285

The following statement shows the number of applications for the execution of decrees disposed of in 1892, in which realisations were made, and the total

amount realised, the figures for the Ordinary Civil Courts and for the Small Cause Courts being given separately :—

		Number of applications	Amount realised.
			R
Ordinary Civil Courts	With process	168,328	1,63,16,639
	Without process	20,394	17,47,887
Small Cause Courts	With process	4,112	1,32,138
	Without process	207	17,028

In all classes of Courts taken together realisations were effected without process in 10·6 per cent. of the successful applications in the year under report, as against 10 8 per cent. in 1891, 12 8 per cent. in 1890 and 11·9 per cent. in 1889.

36. In Statement 6 will be found details regarding the manner in which decrees were executed during the year under review. Coercive processes. (*Statement 6.*)

The following statement shows generally the extent to which the different modes of execution have been resorted to during the past five years :—

Year	Possession given	Imprisonment	Property sold	
			Movable	Immovable
1888	6,664	915	13,941	41,508
1889	6,723	529	13,629	43,746
1890	7,059	538	12,369	44,166
1891	7,069	634	15,118	49,343
1892	7,378	557	16,137	50,187

There was thus a marked decrease under the head "Imprisonment," while there was again an increase in the number of cases in which the judgment-debtor's movable or immovable property was sold, and also in the number of cases in which possession was given. In 1,173 cases, as against 404 in the previous year, permission was given to the judgment-debtors concerned to raise money on their properties under attachment in order to satisfy the decrees under execution. Specific performance was enforced in 386 and partition was effected in 46 cases. The corresponding figures for 1891 were 185 and 31 respectively.

37. The following comparative statement gives the number of original miscellaneous cases of a judicial nature instituted, determined and pending in the Regular Civil Courts and in the Small Cause Courts during each of the past two years :— Miscellaneous (Judicial) cases (*Table I.*)

		Instituted	Determined	Pending
Ordinary Civil Courts	1891	51,719	51,772	9,846*
	1892	54,335	55,641	9,252
Small Cause Courts	1891	2,417	2,374	161*
	1892	1,053	1,050	150

*Revised figures.

There was thus a still further increase in the number of cases of this class instituted in the Ordinary Civil Courts during the year, but the files have been kept well in hand and the arrears have been reduced. This class of business has been gradually increasing and has already become a considerable accession to the work devolving upon the Superior Courts.

Details are given below of the manner in which these cases were decided during the past two years:—

	By Ordinary Civil Courts.		By Small Cause Courts	
	1891	1892	1891	1892 *
Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	12,241	13,635	382	125
Decided *ex parte*	15,667	17,873	298	99
Contested	23,864	24,133	1,694	826
Total	51,772	55,641	2,374	1,050

The difference between these returns and similar returns relating to the trial of suits is very remarkable in regard to the cases decided after contest, and it would appear that cases of this class require more attention than their mere numbers indicate.

Of the applications disposed of after contest by the Ordinary Civil Courts 59·9 per cent. were granted, as against 59·1 * per cent. granted in the previous year, and of the whole number disposed of by these Courts 4·2 per cent. were compromised, as against 4·1 per cent. in 1891. In the Small Cause Courts 54·3 per cent. of the applications decided after contest were granted, and 38, or 3·6 per cent., of the total number disposed of were compromised. The corresponding results in 1891 were 53·6* and 4·4 per cent.

* Revised figures.

Miscellaneous (non-judicial) cases—(*Table II*)

38. The following table shows for the years 1890, 1891 and 1892 the total number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases instituted and disposed of under the Rent Law in the Courts of First Instance in Bengal, as also the number pending at the close of each of those years respectively:—

	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Pending
1890	36,693	36,104	7,403
1891	29,873	32,393	4,886
1892	28,091	28,480	4,487

Details of Miscellaneous (non-judicial) cases.

39. The following statement exhibits in detail the last-mentioned cases during 1891 and 1892 and the state of the files:—

	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Applications for the deposit of rent	19,618	18,407	21,674	18,471	2,413	2,342
Applications for the service of notice of surrender of holdings	7,234	6,331	7,234	6,734	1,977	1,482
Applications for assistance to distrain	2,525	2,997	2,995	2,916	473	642
Applications for the service of notices of execution by non-occupancy *raiyats* of agreement to pay enhanced rent	356	209	349	215	20	13
Applications for the service of notices of transfer of occupancy holdings	140	147	141	144	3	8
Total	29,873	28,091	32,393	28,480	4,886	4,487

The decrease in the number of miscellaneous non-judicial cases occurred chiefly in applications for the deposit of rent and for the service of notice of surrender of holdings.

The following districts show the largest number of applications for the deposit of rent :—

Bhagalpur	2,755	Patna	1,098
Tirhut	1,853	Hooghly	1,012
Saran	1,764	Dinajpur	808
Midnapore	1,476		

Of the seven Districts mentioned only two, Midnapore and Hooghly, are conspicuous in the returns of rent suits instituted as showing unusually large numbers. It is singular that the law regarding the deposit of rent by a tenant was seldom resorted to in the Districts of Jessore, Backergunge and the 24-Parganas, which return by far the largest numbers of rent suits.

Average duration of cases. (*Table Q*)

40. The average duration of suits (contested and uncontested) decided during the past year by the several grades of Courts is given in the following statement :—

		District Judges.		Subordinate Judges.		Munsifs.		Small Cause Court Judges.	
		Months.	Days.	Months.	Days.	Months.	Days.	Months.	Days.
Under Ordinary procedure	Contested	4	4	10	23	5	4	2	7
	Uncontested	3	3	5	0	2	12	1	9
Under Small Cause Court procedure	Contested	...	...	1	12	1	19	..	...
	Uncontested	...	...	1	0	1	7	...	...

Inspections by District Judges.

41. During the year the Courts of 26 Subordinate Judges and 164 Munsifs, as well as 3 Courts of Small Causes, were inspected by District Judges. In the Districts of Backergunge, Birbhum, Chittagong, Nadia, Noakhali, Pabna, Bogra and Purnea all the Courts were inspected, and the large majority of the Courts in Bankura, Bhagalpur, Burdwan, Chota-Nagpur, Dacca, Dinajpur, Faridpur, Hooghly, Jessore, Midnapore, Murshidabad, Saran, Shahabad, Tippera and Tirhut were visited. None of the Courts in the Districts of Cuttack, Mymensingh, Patna, Rajshahi, Rangpur and the 24-Parganas were inspected, and in Gaya an inspection was made of only one of the Subordinate Courts.

III.—SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

I.—THE PRESIDENCY SMALL CAUSE COURT.

Calcutta Small Cause Court.

42. The number of suits instituted and decided in the Presidency Court of Small Causes during 1891 and 1892, as also the number pending at the close of each of those years, are shown below :—

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1891	26,054	26,821	1,751
1892	26,934	27,158	1,825

Details of the value of the suits instituted in 1891 and 1892 are given below:—

	R	1891.	1892.
Up to	10	5,917	6,020
"	50	11,635	11,838
"	100	3,385	3,648
"	500	4,007	4,140
"	1,000	671	723
Above	1,000	439	565
	TOTAL	26,054	26,934

It will be seen from these figures that there has been a considerable increase in the number of cases instituted during the year under report as compared with the previous year. The report of 1891 showed a decrease in suits up to R500 in value and an increase in suits above that value, but the returns for 1892 shew an increase of 880 in regular suits of all the different degrees of value and also an increase of 47 in claim cases, these latter cases occupying a considerable time in hearing. Of the 880 regular suits, the cases below R500 in value have increased by 702 and cases of above that value, by 178. The considerable and gradual increase in the suits above R1,000 deserves special mention. The following statement shows the number of such suits instituted during each of the past five years:—

1888	306
1889	375
1890	370
1891	439
1892	565

The question whether the jurisdiction of what was intended to be, and should be retained as, a Court of Small Causes should be contracted in the future is now under the consideration of the Government of India. The additional business thus thrown on this Court tends to deprive it almost entirely of the services of its two senior, and presumedly most capable, Judges. The temporary appointment of a fifth Judge made in 1890, has been continued, and the necessity for the appointment appears to be fully established by the state of business.

The total value of the litigation was R27,04,771 in the year under notice, as compared with R26,39,913 in the previous year.

Mode of disposal.

43. Of the suits (27,158) disposed of during 1892, 2,158 were dismissed for default or for want of prosecution, or were withdrawn with leave, 19,570 were decided without contest in the manner shown on the margin, 5,422 were decided after contest or upon reference to arbitration, and in 8 the plaint was either rejected or returned.

Compromised	8,658
Decreed on confession	4,008
Decreed *ex parte*	6,890
Dismissed *ex parte*	14
TOTAL	19,570

Of the 1,825 suits remaining under trial at the close of 1892, 301 had been pending for more than three months, as against 218 at the close of the previous year.

Execution of decrees.

44. Out of 27,990* applications for the execution of decrees made in the Calcutta Small Cause Court, 27,073 were determined and 917 remained pending at the close of the year. Of the latter 263 were more than three months old.

* Pending from 1891	795
Filed in 1892	27,195
TOTAL	27,990

The number of such applications filed in 1891 was 25,856 and the number determined 25,920. Of the applications disposed of in 1892, 21,391 resulted in whole or partial satisfaction of the decrees granted. In 8,450 cases it was found necessary to issue process.

	R
With the issue of process . .	2,71,164
Without the issue of process .	4,85,516
TOTAL .	7,56,680

The total amount realized was R7,53,680, as compared with R7,29,412 in the previous year.

The following statement shows the number of cases in which action was taken to enforce the execution of decrees in 1892 as well as in the preceding three years:— Coercive processes.

	Imprisonment.	Sale of movables.
1889	93	1,000
1890	80	889
1891	109	660
1892	120	750

In 45 cases the movable property of the debtor was made over to the decree-holder in liquidation of the debt, while in no case was his immovable property either sold or made over to the decree-holder.

It is satisfactory to be able to draw attention to the improvement in the state of the business effected during the course of the year under report. More recent returns show further improvement, and, though the files of the Judges are not yet entirely free from old cases, it sufficiently appears that business is transacted in a more efficient manner and with less delay.

II.—PROVINCIAL SMALL CAUSE COURTS.

45. In Table A 1 will be found details of the business coming before each of the Provincial Small Cause Courts separately. Provincial Small Cause Courts. (*Table A 1.*)

The total number of cases instituted and decided in these Courts during the past two years, as well as the number pending at the close of each, are shown below:—

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1891	42,139	42,568	2,647
1892	17,432	17,606	2,196

	R
81 Munsifs with jurisdiction up to . .	50
64 Munsifs with jurisdiction up to . .	100
1 Subordinate Judge with jurisdiction up to	100
19 Subordinate Judges with jurisdiction up to	500

Of 170,631 cases decided by Officers vested with the powers of a Small Cause Court, as described on the margin, 21,492, or 12 5 per cent., were contested.

Of cases of a similar nature instituted before Officers not vested with the special powers of a Small Cause Court, 25,385 were below R50 in value and 60,772 above R50 and below R500.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

I.—HIGH COURT.

I.—APPEALS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE LETTERS PATENT.

46. The statement on the margin shows the number of Appeals under Section 15 of the Letters Patent preferred against the decrees of a Judge of the High Court sitting alone or of two Judges sitting either on the Original or on the Appellate Side of the Court and decided in the years 1891 and 1892 respectively. Appeals under the Letters Patent.

	Filed.		Decided.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
First Appeals . .	28	24	7	31
Second Appeals .	...	...		...
Third Appeals . .	7	28	11	20

The number of First Appeals, that is, Appeals in cases heard by two Judges sitting together on the Original Side of the Court in which they differed in opinion, and of similar appeals from the decrees of one Judge in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction brought before the High Court in 1892, was 56, inclusive of the 32 pending from the previous year. Of these 31 were decided and 25 remained unheard at the close of the year. Of Third Appeals from the decrees of one Judge or two Judges hearing Second Appeals 29, inclusive of one pending from the preceding year, were on the files during 1892, of which 20 were decided and 9 remained undecided at the close of the year.

II.—APPEALS FROM THE SUBORDINATE CIVIL COURTS.

Appeals to High Court from Subordinate Courts

47. The number of First and Second Appeals from the decrees and orders of the Provincial Civil Courts as Courts of original and appellate jurisdiction, respectively, which came before the High Court and were decided during the past two years, are shown on the margin. These figures include Appeals from the Courts of Assam and the Chief Court of Burma. Of the First Appeals preferred during 1892, 57 were Appeals in contested Will-cases.

	Preferred to the Court.		Decided	
	1891.	1892	1891.	1892.
First Appeals				
From Decrees . .	366	343	327	334
From Orders .	203	204	172	120
Second Appeals				
From Decrees . .	2,010	2,191	2,093	1,545
From Orders . .	189	244	134	148

The following statement shows the manner in which the Appeals preferred to the High Court came upon the files :—

			Instituted.	Received by transfer	On review of Judgment	Revived.
Appeals from	Original	Decrees .	324	4	..	15
		Orders . .	202			2
	Appellate	Decrees .	2,174.	...	..	19
		Orders . .	214	..	...	...

Appeals decided.

48. One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine Appeals from Original and Appellate Decrees, and 277 Appeals from Original and Appellate Orders of Subordinate Courts were decided by the High Court during the past year. The corresponding figures for 1891 were 2,420 Appeals from Original and Appellate Decrees and 306 Appeals from Original and Appellate Orders.

Pending files of Appeals.

49. There has been a further considerable increase in the pending files at the close of the year under review, the details regarding which will appear from the following statement:—

	Pending	
	1891	1892.
First Appeals—		
From Decrees	459	468
From Orders	103	178
Second Appeals—		
From Decrees	1,725	2,373
From Orders	114	210
TOTAL .	2,401	3,229

Civil and Criminal work of the High Court.

50. The following statement shows in a more complete form the work which has come before the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction during each of

the past four years. It will be seen that there was an increase of business both Civil and Criminal.

	Brought before the Court.				Heard and determined.			
	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
First Appeals. From Decrees	324	335	366	343	305	367	327	334
First Appeals. From Orders	194	190	203	204	205	202	172	129
Second Appeals. From Decrees	2,658	1,879	2,049	2,193	1,598	2,952	2,093	1,545
Second Appeals. From Orders	209	132	189	244	167	171	134	148
Appeals under the Letters Patent	63	45	35	52	31	77	18	51
References to a Full Bench	10	2	13	15	4	8	7	15
Applications for Review	37	35	60	20	38	31	57	22
References	14	33	23	11	17	34	15	18
Divorce Cases	3	2	.	5	2	2	1	2
Criminal Cases (Appeals, References, Cases for revision, etc.)	1,876	1,935	2,069	2,197	1,873	1,948	2,086	2,120

51. The following table shows the number of Judges sitting at the commencement of each month during the past three years, those absent on leave or on deputation being excluded:— Number of Judges on 1st of each month.

	1890.	1891.	1892.
January	13	13	13
February	13	13	13 (a)
March	13	13	13 (b)
April	13	13	13
May	13	13	13
June	13	12	13
July	13	12	13
August	13	12	13 (c) (d)
September	13	12	11 (e)
October	10	11	11
November	13	13	13 (f) (g)
December	13	13	11

(a) Mr. Justice Wilson availed himself of furlough from the afternoon of the 4th February, 1892. He resigned his office with effect from the 31st April, 1892.
Mr Justice Hill, appointed to officiate as a Judge of the High Court, took his seat on the forenoon of the 5th February, 1892. He was confirmed in the appointment *vice* Mr Justice Wilson, resigned

(b) Mr Justice Tottenham availed himself of furlough from the afternoon of the 6th March, 1892 He returned to duty on the forenoon of the 10th September, 1892.
Mr Justice Rampini, appointed to officiate as a Judge of the High Court, took his seat on the forenoon of the 9th March, 1892.

(c) Mr Justice Ameer Ali availed himself of privilege leave from the afternoon of the 8th August, 1892.

(d) Mr Justice Prinsep availed himself of privilege leave from the forenoon of the 5th August, 1892

(e) The services of Mr. Justice Rampini were placed at the disposal of the Government of Bengal with effect from the forenoon of the 10th September, 1892.

(f) Mr. Justice Ameer Ali resumed his seat as a Judge on the reopening of the Court after the Dusserah Vacation on the forenoon of the 17th November, 1892
Mr Justice Trevelyan availed himself of privilege leave from the forenoon of the 17th November, 1892, to the afternoon of the 15th December, 1892.

(g) Mr. Justice Beverley availed himself of privilege leave from the forenoon of the 17th November, 1892, to the afternoon of the 16th December, 1892
Mr Justice Prinsep resumed his seat as a Judge on the reopening of the Court after the Dusserah Vacation on the forenoon of the 17th November, 1892

High Court files since 1862.

52. The amount of Judicial work before the High Court from year to year since its constitution is shown in the following statement :—

Years.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Criminal Appeals.	Years.	First Appeals.	Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Criminal Appeals.
1862 (six months only)	359	1,666	180	781	1878	302	2,621	337	1,248
1863	595	3,659	361	798	1879	358	3,001	297	1,271
1864	485	3,728	495	868	1880	354	2,490	356	1,406
1865	417	3,633	715	1,040	1881	334	2,334	353	1,424
1866	460	3,438	854	1,121	1882	330	2,789	393	1,349
1867	382	3,466	665	1,396	1883	283	3,034	417	1,325
1868	273	3,334	557	1,095	1884	351	2,412	427	1,431
1869	285	3,047	558	1,214	1885	566	2,672	448	1,628
1870	296	2,731	492	1,296	1886	330	2,687	461	1,624
1871	287	1,397	365	1,294	1887	288	2,723	431	1,640
1872	290	1,985	347	1,518	1888	350	2,222	480	1,668
1873	327	3,024	405	1,438	1889	324	2,658	403	1,622
1874	348	3,225	535	1,370	1890	335	1,879	322	1,915
1875	329	2,966	400	1,159	1891	366	2,040	392	2,031
1876	367	2,945	413	1,210	1892	343	2,193	448	2,154
1877	343	2,658	363	1,107					

Districts from which first Appeals came.

53. Of the 324 Appeals from Original Decrees instituted during the year under review, 9 were from Assam, 8 from Burma, and the remainder from the Districts of Bengal.

Value of Appeals.

54. The following statement exhibits, separately for each Province, the value of Appeals from Original and Appellate Decrees instituted during the year under review:—

	Appeals from Original Decrees.			Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	
	Valued at R10,000 and upwards.	Valued at less than R10,000.	Value not denotable in money.	Valued at more than R50.	Not exceeding R50 in value.
Lower Provinces of Bengal	61	197	53	1,205	917
Assam	...	5	4	42	10
Burma	...	8	...	...	...

Details of value of Appeals.

55. The following table shows in more detail the values of Appeals instituted during the year from the Original and Appellate Decrees of the Subordinate Civil Courts and those of Third Appeals under the Letters Patent :—

	R	Appeals from Original Decrees of Subordinate Civil Courts.	Appeals from Appellate Decrees of Subordinate Civil Courts.	Third Appeals under the Letters Patent.
Not exceeding	10	...	234	7
" "	50	3	693	21
" "	100	2	318	..
" "	500	25	579	...
" "	1,000	34	162	...
" "	5,000	76	165	...
" "	10,000	64	...	...
" "	1,00,000	54	...	...
Exceeding	1,00,000	10	..	...
Value not denotable		60 (a)	23 (b)	...
Total		328 (c)	2,174	28

(a) Of these 57 are Will-cases, two are suits for partition and one for cancelment of lease.

(b) These comprise Appeals in the following classes of suits:—1 suit for recovery of decretal money; 1 under Section 108 of the Bengal Tenancy Act; 2 for partition; 1 to declare a *kabuliat* to be invalid; 3 under Chapter X of the Bengal Tenancy Act; 1 under Act VIII of 1885; 2 for establishment of right; 3 for settlement of rents under Section 104 of the Bengal Tenancy Act; 1 for recovery of money due on a mortgage bond; 1 for restitution of conjugal rights; 1 for declaration of right; 3 for settlement of rent, and 1 for a declaratory decree.

(c) These include 8 Appeals from Burma.

56. Forty-eight Appeals from Original Decrees, 365 Appeals from Appellate Decrees and 63 Miscellaneous Appeals were either summarily rejected, dismissed on default, withdrawn or compromised, as shown below:— Results of Appeals.

	Appeals from Original Decrees.	Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	Miscellaneous Appeals.
Summarily rejected . .	...	295	14
Dismissed on default . .	24	21	26
Withdrawn	11	17	10
Compromised . . .	13	32	13
TOTAL .	48	365	63

The results of Appeals as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts in the cases heard and determined are shown below:—

	Appeals from Original Decrees.	Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	Miscellaneous Appeals.
Affirmed	203	924	147
Reversed	48	103	45
Varied	22	36	6
Remanded	13	117	16
TOTAL .	286	1,180	214

The decisions of the Lower Courts were reversed or varied in 24·4 per cent. of the Appeals from Original Decrees, in 11·7 per cent. of the Appeals from Appellate Decrees and in 23·8 per cent. of the Miscellaneous Appeals. The corresponding proportions for 1891 were 29·3, 11·3, and 15·7 per cent. respectively.

The following table shows the results of the Appeals decided by the High Court as affecting District Judges, Subordinate Judges, and Munsifs:—

		Affirmed.			Modified or Reversed.		
		District Judges.	Subordinate Judges	Munsifs.	District Judges.	Subordinate Judges.	Munsifs.
Appeals from	Original Decrees	80	123	...	17	53	...
	Appellate Decrees	372	552	...	69	70	.
Miscellaneous Appeals . .		85	62	...	21	30	...

The proportion of cases in which orders of remand were passed, or in which the Lower Court was directed to take further evidence, to the total number decided by the High Court after hearing, is given on the margin.

	Percentage.		
	1890.	1891.	1892.
Appeals from Original Decrees .	6·08	9·7	4·5
Appeals from Appellate Decrees .	5·4	12·3	9·9
Miscellaneous Appeals . .	6·72	10·7	7·4

Appeals to the Privy Council instituted.

57. The following statement shows the number of Appeals to Her Majesty in Council against decrees or orders of the High Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction since the constitution of the Court:—

	Total number of Appeals filed.				Appeals struck off, compromised, etc.				Despatched to England.			
	In first Appeals.		In Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first Appeals.		In Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.	In first Appeals.		In Second Appeals.	Miscellaneous.
	Above R10,000.	Below R10,000.			Above R10,000.	Below R10,000.			Above R10,000.	Below R10,000.		
1862 (half year only)	9	3	3	...	2	3	3	...	7	...	...	...
1863 . . .	76	17	4	...	32	10	2	...	44	7	2	...
1864 . . .	98	22	10	1	49	16	9	1	49	6	1	...
1865 . . .	58	13	11	2	21	10	6	1	37	3	5	1
1866 . . .	47	12	7	5	16	7	4	3	31	5	3	2
1867 . . .	30	11	54	2	15	3	2	1	15	8	52	1
1868 . . .	40	15	9	5	16	8	7	1	24	7	2	4
1869 . . .	38	4	1	3	7	1	...	2	31	3	1	1
1870 . . .	29	13	4	10	5	7	2	7	24	6	2	3
1871 . . .	16	7	6	2	2	3	3	2	14	4	3	...
1872 . . .	11	8	6	6	2	5	5	6	9	3	1	...
1873 . . .	24	10	8	4	9	8	6	1	15	2	2	2
1874 . . .	28	15	17	11	7	9	14	10	21	6	3	1
1875 . . .	24	9	6	4	12	4	5	1	12	5	1	3
1876 . . .	19	21	6	5	13	11	2	4	5	12	4	1
1877 . . .	29	18	6	12	13	12	6	9	15	2	...	3
1878 . . .	28	6	11	10	12	5	10	4	16	1	1	2
1879 . . .	33	13	4	7	21	10	2	4	15	8	3	2
1880 . . .	22	10	5	8	13	6	2	3	17	3	2	7
1881 . . .	27	18	5	7	9	9	4	1	9	3	2	4
1882 . . .	36	24	13	3	15	10	5	3	8	3	...	2
1883 . . .	20	16	2	9	11	12	9	3	10	2	...	1
1884 . . .	21	13	3	1	13	11	4	4	17	1	...	1
1885 . . .	35	22	4	7	15	12	1	3	9	1	1	...
1886 . . .	27	22	3	2	12	16	6	4	12	4	...	...
1887 . . .	18	14	8	8	7	13	4	5	19	8	1	1
1888 . . .	16	4	4	...	3	9	4	2	12	7	1	1
1889 . . .	11	26	3	4	8	7	...	4	9	3	1	2
1890 . . .	24	3	1	5	12*	15*	2*	2*	5*	4*	1*	...
1891 . . .	20	17*	17*	5	12*	11*	4*	5	9*	2*	1	...
1892 . . .	21	8	2	5	6	7	1	1	9	5	4	2
Total .	935	414	243	153	389	270	134	97	529	134	100	47

* Revised figures.

Of 1,745 Appeals preferred in the course of 30½ years, 890 were struck off, compromised or withdrawn, the proceedings of 810 cases being despatched to England. Forty-five cases were at the close of 1892, under preparation for despatch to England.

Results of Appeals to the Privy Council.

58. The following table shows the results of the Appeals to the Privy Council in which the judgments on appeal have been received during the past six years:—

Years.	Judgments received from Privy Council.	Decision of the Court affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.
1887 . . .	7	6	1	...	...
1888 . . .	14	7	3	4	...
1889 . . .	15	8	3	4	...
1890 . . .	19	10	6	1	2
1891 . . .	7	4	3	...	...
1892 . . .	18	15	2	1	...
Total .	80	50	18	10	2

II.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

59. The number of Appeals in regular suits instituted and decided in the Lower Courts during the past three years, as also the number pending at the close of each, are shown below:—

Appeals instituted and decided in the Lower Appellate Courts. (*Table J.*)

Year.	Revived or received on remand or review.	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1890	478	19,994	18,485	13,762
1891	511	19,862	20,118	13,997*
1892	471	21,554	22,115	13,904

* Revised figures.

Inclusive of the Appeals pending at the close of 1891, the total number on the files of the Appellate Courts during 1892, exceeds by 8 the number shown as decided in 1892 and pending at its close. These 8 Appeals were transferred to the High Court.

The returns of previous years show no material variation in the number of appeals instituted. The return of the year under report is, however, considerably in excess of that of any of the previous eighteen years, the result, no doubt, of the larger number of original suits disposed of after contest. An increase is reported from all but seven Districts and was greatest in the following:—

	1891.	1892.	Increase.
Shahabad	745	1,027	282
Saran	688	925	237
Tippera	1,433	1,655	222
Burdwan	535	748	213
Faridpur	522	734	212
Nadia	292	448	156
Noakhali	480	634	154
Hooghly	948	1,095	147
Mymensingh	970	1,112	142
Chittagong	1,311	1,448	137
Gaya	238	341	103
Rangpur	492	595	103

The decrease in the seven Districts alluded to above was nominal except in the case of one District, *viz.*, Tirhut, where the number declined from 1,671 in 1891 to 1,119 in 1892, being a decrease of 552 Appeals. In this District, although there was an increase in the number of original suits instituted during the year, a smaller number was decided after contest during the same period than during 1891.

60. Out of 13,904 Appeals pending at the close of the year, 9,396 had been pending for more than three months, and of the latter 1,339 had been before the Courts for more than one year, the large majority of these being, as at the close of 1891, Appeals in title and other suits. There were also at the same time 3,563 Rent and Title Appeals pending for periods of between six and twelve months.

Pending files. (*Tables B and J.*)

61. The number of cases decided by the Subordinate Civil Courts in which an appeal lay to the District Court was 81,657 in the past year, as compared with 73,665 in 1891.

Number of appealable cases decided.

Ratio of Appeals to Decisions. (*Table K.*)

The ratio of Appeals to appealable decisions was 26·07 in 1892 as compared with 26·35 in 1891. The percentage was highest in the following districts:—

	1891.	1892.
Saran	32·	50·2
Shahabad	33·4	46·3
Patna	47·6	44 3
Gaya	36·	42·9
Tirhut	46·2	30·
Midnapore	36·7	35·2

And it was lowest in the following districts:—

	1891.	1892.
Purnea	11·6	9·8
Dinajpur	18·4	15·2
Jessore	16·7	15·9
Backergunge	19·7	16·
Rangpur	18·	18·7

Appeals classified. (*Table L.*)

62. The following figures show for each of the past two years the number of Appeals in each of the three classes of suits filed:—

	Appeals in suits for money or movables.	Appeals in suits under the Rent Law.	Appeals in title and other suits.
1891	3,794	9,321	6,747
1892	4,182	10,066	7,306

The increase in the number of Appeals preferred during the year under review occurred in respect of all three classes of Appeals.

The increase in the number of rent-suits instituted, which has already been noticed, is repeated in respect of the Appeals in this class of litigation, but, though the return of 1892 is greater than in any previous year, there has not been the same gradual increase as in original suits.

Appeals valued. (*Table M.*)

63. The values of the Appeals of each of these three classes instituted in 1891 and 1892 are shown in the following statement:—

	Appeals in suits for money or movables.	Appeals in suits under the Rent Law.	Appeals in title and other suits.	TOTAL.
	R	R	R	R
1891	8,36,492	6,71,663	12,06,983	27,15,138
1892	9,79,850	7,23,341	12,71,815	29,75,006

The following table gives details of the value of the Appeals instituted during the past year in the Lower Appellate Courts:—

SCALE OF VALUES.	NUMBER OF APPEALS IN—			
	Suits for money or movables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	TOTAL.
Not exceeding R 10	155	2,288	801	3,244
" " " 50	708	4,078	2,650	7,436
" " " 100	1,070	1,648	1,349	4,067
" " " 500	1,769	1,472	1,817	5,058
" " " 1,000	321	185	250	706
" " " 5,000	130	58	261	449
Value not stated	29	387	178	594
TOTAL	4,182	10,066	7,306	21,554

Of 21,554 Appeals, 21,105, or 97·9 per cent., were triable either by District or Subordinate Judges. In the remaining cases Subordinate Judges were the Courts of First Instance and Appeals therefrom lay to District Judges.

64. The following statement shows, for the last two years, the result of Appeals as affecting the decisions of the Lower Courts:— **Disposal of Appeals.** (*Table N.*)

	Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed.		Remanded.		Otherwise Determined.	
	Number.	Percentage of the whole.	Number	Percentage of the whole.	Number	Percentage of the whole.	Number	Percentage of the whole.	Number	Percentage of the whole.
1891 . . .	11,566	57 49	2,364	11·75	3,571	17·75	737	3·66	1,880	9 35
1892 . . .	12,505	56 55	2,273	10·28	4,260	19 26	889	4·02	2,188	9 89

65. The following table shows the number of "Miscellaneous Appeals" instituted and decided during each of the past two years, as also the number pending at the close of each:— **Miscellaneous Appeals.** (*Table O.*)

	Instituted.	Decided.	Pending.
1891	2,484	2,527	531*
1892	2,012	2,208	368

* Revised figures.

66. The District Judges of Cuttack, Hooghly, Jessore, Noakhali and Saran were appointed during the year under review to be Special Judges under Section 108 of the Bengal Tenancy Act for the purpose of hearing Appeals from the decisions under Chapter X of the Revenue Officers employed in the Districts of Cuttack, Puri, Balasore, Hooghly, Jessore, Khulna, Noakhali and Champaran. These appointments were made *ex officio* rather than special qualifications possessed by any of those officers. **Special Judges.**

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

67. The work disposed of by District Judges during each of the past four years is shown in the following table:— **Work done by District Judges.** (*Table P 1.*)

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal Appeals.
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1889 . . .	3,581	3,580	421	5,921	6,328	1,964	1,453	7,480
1890 . . .	3,525	3,684	477	7,932	6,245	1,870	1,410	7,474
1891 . . .	3,865	3,626	594	8,198	6,727	2,109	1,543	8,077
1892 . . .	3,994	3,502	790	8,912	7,544	2,005	1,500	8,875
Fluctuations in 1892 compared with 1891 .	+129	−124	+196	+714	+817	−104	−43	+798

The large increase in criminal business deserves special notice because it tends to occupy a considerable portion of the time of these Officers. In some Districts the pressure of this class of business prevents the District Judge from paying that attention to his duties as a Civil Judge which is so necessary to proper administration. The general return which shows that a greater number of days was devoted by these officers to the business in their Civil Courts is

somewhat deceptive. In Chota-Nagpur, Mymensingh, Cuttack, Jessore, Saran and Bhagalpur the Judges were occupied on criminal business for 207, 197, 182, 172, 160, 154 days, respectively, against 79, 78, 84, 96, 101, 95 days devoted to Civil work.

Work done by Additional Judges. (*Table P 2.*)

68. The following statement shows the amount of work, Civil and Criminal disposed of by Additional Judges during the past four years:—

	Days.		Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.	Sessions trials.	Criminal Appeals
	Civil.	Criminal.						
1889 . . .	120	133	1	219	381	6	127	...
1890 . . .	123	119	10	197	276	8	108	...
1891 . . .	101	274	5	265	141	23	134	108
1892 . . .	167	350	4	244	297	12	188	86
Fluctuations in 1892 compared with 1891 .	+66	+76	—1	—21	+156	—11	+54	—22

One Additional Judge beyond the ordinary establishment was employed at Jessore from the beginning of the year up to the 9th of March, at Dacca from the 11th of March up to the 29th of July, and at Backergunge from the 5th of August till the end of the year.

Work done by Subordinate and Small Cause Court Judges. (*Tables P 3, F 1 and I.*)

69. The amount of work disposed of by Subordinate Judges, Provincial Small Cause Court Judges and Small Cause Court Judges exercising the powers of a Subordinate Judge during the past four years was as follows:—

	Original suits.	Miscellaneous cases.	Regular Appeals	Miscellaneous Appeals.
1889	54,487	21,601	12,796	650
1890	53,929	21,371	11,964	629
1891	51,725	24,370	13,250	395
1892	36,472	15,192	14,274	191

Of the 36,472 original suits decided by Subordinate Judges and Small Cause Court Judges during the year, 13,839 were decided by 22 Subordinate Judges under their Small Cause Court powers, and 5,015 by them under the ordinary procedure; 12 by a Small Cause Court Judge exercising the powers of a Subordinate Judge; and 17,606 by Judges of Provincial Small Cause Courts who exercised only Small Cause Court powers.

As already stated, four Additional Subordinate Judges were appointed permanently and were stationed during the year at Bhagalpur, Dacca, Shahabad and Tirhut. The three Subordinate Judges of Tippera and the Subordinate Judge of Purnea were temporarily attached to the Districts of Pabna-Bogra and Faridpur, respectively, throughout the year. The following temporary transfers were also made during the year: one of the Subordinate Judges of Shahabad to the 24-Parganas from the beginning of the year up to the end of June; one of the Subordinate Judges of Dacca to Manbhum from the 20th February to the close of the year; and the Subordinate Judge of Birbhum to Bankura from the 30th of January to the 30th of July.

70. The following figures show the number of suits and miscellaneous cases decided by Munsifs during each of the past three years:— Work done by Munsifs.

	Original Suits disposed of under Ordinary Procedure.		Original Suits disposed of under Small Cause Court Procedure.		Total.	Miscellaneous cases.
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.		
1890 . . .	77,060	244,673	11,168	74,908	407,809	221,831
1891 . . .	76,815	252,339	12,660	91,075	432,889	237,364
1892 . . .	84,729	267,647	18,988	137,804	509,168	248,962

At the close of 1892, 285 Munsifs (inclusive of 4 Executive officers vested with the powers of a Munsif) were employed as against 275 at the close of 1891 and 262 at the close of 1890. As already stated, the staff of Munsifs was permanently increased by the addition of 55 officers. One of the Munsifs of Araria in the District of Purnea was temporarily employed in Dinajpur from the 16th of July to the 19th of September, one of the Munsifs of Patuakhali in the District of Backergunge was deputed to Dinajpur from the 24th of October to the 23rd of December, and one of the Munsifs of Nilphamari in the District of Rangpur was employed at Suri in the District of Birbhum from the beginning of the year to the 31st of March.

71. Inclusive of the High Court and the Presidency Small Cause Court, the receipts of the Civil Courts for the year under review amounted to R93,66,936 and the charges to R51,60,767. Together with the amount realized on account of duty* on probates, etc., there was, therefore, a profit to Government from civil litigation of R42,06,169, and, exclusive of the item referred to, the surplus amounted to R36,93,808, or more by R1,88,805 than the surplus of 1891. Receipts and Charges of the Civil Courts. (*Tables R and S.*)

	R
Receipts	93,66,936
Charges	51,60,767
	42,06,169
In the High Court	*2,51,989
In other Courts	*2,60,372
	5,12,361

* These figures are given for the financial year 1892-93.

In the Courts at the Presidency taken by themselves, the charges exceeded the receipts by R36,725 as shown by the following figures:—

Receipts.		R	Charges.		R
In stamps	Process fees .	3,80,929	Salaries of Judicial officers .		5,62,146
	Other fees .	6,96,331	Establishment.	Process-servers .	15,616
In cash	Fines . .	91		Others . .	4,50,925
	Other receipts .	34,642	Contingencies and refunds .		1,20,031
	Total .	11,11,993		Total .	11,48,718

	R
Receipts	82,54,943
Charges	40,12,049
	42,42,894

In the Civil Courts outside the Presidency Town the net financial result for the past year was a surplus of R42,42,894, as against the surplus of R40,60,392 obtained in 1891.

After deduction from both sides of the account of the charges on account of

process-servers paid by regular salaries, which amounted in the aggregate to R7,14,990 for 1892, the figures for the last three years stand as follows :—

	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.
	R	R	R
1890	69,30,467	31,28,958	38,01,509
1891	72,22,777	31,62,385	40,60,392
1892	75,39,953	32,97,059	42,42,894

In the aggregate the surplus obtained in 1892 was, therefore, R1,82,502 in excess of that obtained in 1891, and R4,41,385 in excess of the surplus of 1890.

Detailed Receipts and Charges.

72. The following statement gives separately and in detail the Receipts and Charges of the Civil Courts outside the Présidency Town during the year under review :—

Receipts.		R	Charges.		R
In stamps	Process fees .	21,19,968	Salaries of Judicial officers .		18,10,046
	Other fees .	55,96,995	Establishment	Process-servers .	7,14,990
In cash or special stamps.	Fines .	10,167		Salaried copying and comparing clerks .	56,458
	Copying and comparing fees .	3,86,811		Others . .	9,22,538
	Other receipts .	1,41,002	Contingencies	Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment . .	2,58,180
				Other contingencies and refunds	2,49,837
	TOTAL .	82,54,943		TOTAL .	40,12,049

If the total expenditure from the realizations made by means of stamps be deducted, it will be found that the net receipts for stamps amounted to R40,91,725, the net profit to Government under the head of "process fees" being alone R14,04,978. Besides the above, "expedition fees" for the urgent preparation of copies were also realized in stamps. These, however, are included under the head "other receipts in cash or special stamps" and cannot be here shown separately. The corresponding figures for 1891 were R39,31,313 and R14,97,485 respectively.

Copying Department.

73. The financial result for the past year of the system of preparing copies in the Subordinate Civil Courts is shown below :—

	R	R
Copying and comparing fees realized by special stamps	...	3,86,811
Deduct—		
Salary of copying and comparing clerks on the fixed establishment	56,458	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment	2,58,180	
		3,14,638
	Surplus .	72,173

The surplus of 1892 thus exceeds that of 1891 by R7,111. This surplus, however, does not include special charges for urgent copies which, as stated above, cannot be shown separately.

74. The following statement shows the financial results of the year for each grade of Court :— Financial results for each grade of Court.

	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus or deficit.
Courts outside the Presidency Town.	R	R	R
Small Cause Courts	1,80,616	83,625	+96,991
Munsifs' Courts	57,13,857	20,62,255	+36,51,602
Subordinate Judges' Courts	12,14,697	5,71,394	+6,43,303
District and Additional Judges' Courts . .	11,45,773	12,94,775	—1,49,002
Courts at the Presidency.			
Small Cause Court	3,87,288	2,29,649	+1,57,639
High Court (Original and Appellate) . .	7,24,705	9,19,069	—1,94,364

As in previous years, the deficit in the High Court is confined to the Appellate Side, where the receipts fell short of the expenditure by R4,76,434. On the Original Side, the receipts exceeded the expenditure by R2,82,070, receipts on account of probate duty, etc., being included. In 1881 there was a deficit on the Appellate Side of R4,82,336 and a surplus on the Original Side of R3,16,266.

The figures given above include a sum of R1,24,945 which was realized from the fee of one rupee charged for administering oaths on affidavits. The realizations from this source during the past five years are thus returned—

	R
1888	1,03,783
1889	1,07,908
1890	1,07,942
1891	1,20,597
1892	1,24,945

75. Under the head of "Fees on Probates and Letters of Administration" R5,12,361 were realized as compared with R5,15,340, the amount realized in the previous year. The amount levied in the District Courts was R2,60,372 in 1892, as against R2,29,580 in 1891. In the High Court, cases relating exclusively to the Province of Assam being omitted, the amount of duty realized was R2,51,989, as compared with R2,85,760 in 1891. Probates, etc. (*Table T.*)

The sums here shown are treated in the returns as receipts of the Civil Courts. Exclusive of these, the surplus or net revenue realized from such Courts was, as already shown, R36,93,808.

76. The receipts and disbursements on account of Civil Court Amins during 1891 and 1892 were as follow :— Civil Court Amins. (*Table U.*)

		Receipts.	Disbursements.
		R	R
1891	Permanent Amins	40,854	36,895
	Temporary "	7,365	7,683
1892	Permanent "	41,514	35,026
	Temporary "	7,044	8,562

A deduction of 10 per cent. for pensions being first taken into account, the total receipts exceeded the expenditure by R4,970 as compared with R3,641 in 1891 and R6,389 in 1890.

The total number of Civil Court Amins employed at the close of 1892, was, as in 1891, 52.

Local investigations. (*Table V.*)

77. Local investigations were held and completed in 1,619 cases, as against 1,588 in 1891. There was a further increase under all heads.

Proceedings in Insolvency. (*Table W.*)

78. The following statement shows the number of applications for declaration of insolvency filed, determined and pending in 1891 and 1892 :—

	Instituted.	Determined.	Pending.
1891	353	414	100
1892	342	409	82

Applications were most numerous in the following Districts :—

	Filed in 1891.	Filed in 1892.
24-Parganas	76	77
Hooghly	25	30
Tirhut	24	27
Dacca	19	25

Disposal of Applications of Insolvency.

79. Inclusive of 100 applications pending at the close of 1891, the total number on the files during the past year was 442. Of these, 128 were granted, 115 were rejected, a sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359 of the Code of Civil Procedure in one case, 117 were withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted, and 82 were pending at the close of the period under review. In 37 of the applications granted Receivers were appointed. As in 1891, there was one case under Section 344 of Act XIV of 1882, in which the holder of a decree for money applied that the judgment-debtor might be declared an insolvent.

Number of persons declared insolvent and discharged. (*Table W 1.*)

80. The number of persons declared insolvent, of persons who obtained their discharge and of persons who remained undischarged during each of the years 1891 and 1892 are given below :—

	Declared to be insolvent.	Discharged.	Pending.
1891	125	120	41
1892	122	129	34

The largest numbers of persons were declared insolvents in the following districts :—

	1891.	1892.
24-Parganas	29	21
Hooghly	12	15
Tirhut	5	10
Dacca	9	9

As already shown, applications were also most numerous in these districts.

In Bankura, Faridpur, Jessore, Patna and Pabna-Bogra no person was declared insolvent during 1892, while only one person was so declared in in each of the districts of Burdwan, Cuttack, Gaya and Purnea.

Status and profession of Insolvents.

81. The following table shows the status and profession of the persons who were declared insolvents during the year :—

Zemindars and Landholders	13
Service	18
Priests and mendicants	4
Traders, shop-keepers and petty dealers	17
Cultivators and *Jotedars*	27
Labourers, menials, etc.	18
Artizans	11
Fishermen	1
Brokers	1
Men without profession	12

82. The estates of 92 insolvents, including those remaining unsettled at the close of 1891, were in the hands of Receivers during 1892. Proceedings in the case of 26 of these were finally closed during the year. The number of estates placed in the hands of Receivers in 1892 was 33 as against 30 in 1891. The amount realized and disbursed and the balance in the hands of Receivers during each of the two years were as shown below:— Estates of Insolvents.

	Amount realized.	Amount disbursed.	Balance.
	R	R	R
1891	8,650	10,903	3,715*
1892	10,395	8,021	6,089

* Revised figures

83. The following changes took place in the ranks of the Subordinate Judicial Service during the year:— Changes in the Subordinate Judicial Service.

Retired.

Babu Anund Kumar Sarbadhicari, Subordinate Judge of Manbhum, Chota-Nagpur.
Babu Chandra Mohan Mukerji, Munsif of Jahanabad, Hooghly.
Moulvi Mohamed Amir Ali Khan, Munsif of Kishanganj, Purnea.

Dismissed.

Babu Troylokhya Nath Mitra, Subordinate Judge of Gaya.

Resigned.

Babu Nilmoni Nag, Munsif of Mymensingh.

Died.

Babu Raj Chandra Sanyal, Subordinate Judge of Murshidabad.
Moulvi Mahabat Ali, Munsif of Patna.
Babu Iswar Chandra Chatterji, Munsif of Krishnagar, Nadia.
Babu Jagadiswar Gupta, Munsif of Mymensingh.

Three vacant Subordinate Judgeships were not permanently filled up during 1891, and 4 such offices were, as already stated, sanctioned at the close of that year, and, including the casualties referred to above, there were ten vacancies in the staff of Subordinate Judgeships during the year under report. The Munsifs named below were promoted to the vacant offices:—

	Service.			District in which employed.
	Y.	M	D.	
Babu Hari Narain Roy	25	7	16	Purnea on deputation to Faridpur.
„ Gopal Chandra Banerji . . .	21	7	5	Nadia.
„ Gopal Chandra Bose . . .	21	7	15	Bhagalpur.
„ Kally Churn Ghosal . . .	20	11	14	Mymensingh.
„ Hara Gobind Mukerji . . .	20	10	13	Dinajpur.
„ Debendra Lal Shome . . .	20	8	11	Rangpur.
„ Karunamoy Banerji . . .	20	6	27	Tippera on deputation to Pabna-Bagra.
„ Krishna Chandra Das . . .	21	1	26	Pabna-Bogra.
„ Sumbhu Chandra Nag . . .	20	5	19	Tippera on deputation to Pabna-Bogra.
„ Anant Ram Ghose . . .	20	1	26	Saran.

Inclusive of the five vacancies remaining unfilled at the close of 1891, the vacancies caused by the casualties referred to above, and the 55 new appointments sanctioned towards the close of 1891 and referred to elsewhere in this report, there were in all 76 appointments made in the several grades of

Munsifs during the year under report. The gentlemen named below were substantively appointed to the service :—

Names.	Degree or other qualifications.	Date of qualification.	District to which appointed.
Babu Sarada Prasad Sen	B.L.	5th February 1884	Backergunge.
„ Tarak Nath Dut	B.L.	21st February 1882	Faridpur.
„ Jadu Nath Goswami	M.A., B.L.	21st February 1882	Mymensingh.
„ Asutosh Sircar	M.A., B.L.	21st February 1882	Pabna-Bogra.
„ Annada Charan Sen	B.L.	21st February 1882	Noakhali.
„ Bankim Chandra Mitra	M.A., B.L.	21st February 1882	Birbhum.
„ Brajendra Lal De	M.A., B.L.	8th February 1881	Saran.
Moulvi Ali Ahmad	B.L.	6th February 1883	Chittagong.
Babu Pankaja Kumar Chatterji	M.A., B.L.	8th February 1881	Murshidabad.
„ Soshi Bhusan Sen, No. II	B.L.	21st February 1882	Mymensingh.
„ Pulin Behari Bose	B.L.	21st February 1882	Midnapore.
„ Nritya Gopal Goswami	B.L.	8th February 1881	Jessore.
„ Jagendra Nath Bose	B.L.	21st February 1882	Jessore.
„ Nagendra Chandra Mitra	B.L.	21st February 1882	Birbhum.
„ Bidhu Bhusan Banerji	B.L.	21st February 1882	Chittagong.
„ Bejoy Gopal Bose	B.L.	21st February 1882	Chittagong.
„ Suresh Chandra Banerji	B.L.	6th February 1883	Dacca.
„ Kamala Nath Das	B.L.	21st February 1882	Faridpur.
„ Nikunja Behari Roy	B.L.	6th February 1883	Tippera.
„ Hari Prasanna Mukerji	B.L.	21st February 1882	Rangpur.
„ Soshi Bhusan Sen, No. III	B.L.	6th February 1883	Chota-Nagpur.
„ Jadab Chandra Sen	B.L.	21st February 1883	Chittagong.
„ Sarat Chandra Pal	B.L.	21st February 1883	Mymensingh.
„ Sri Hari Lahiri	B.L.	6th February 1883	Purnea.
„ Bepin Behari Ghose	B.L.	6th February 1883	Dinajpur.
„ Behari Lal Chatterji	B.L.	6th February 1883	Jessore.
„ Priya Lal Pyne	B.L.	6th February 1883	Patna.
„ Jagat Narain Sarkar	B.L.	8th February 1881	24-Parganas.
„ Gopal Chandra Chatterji	B.L.	6th February 1883	Chittagong.
„ Latu Behari Bose	B.L.	6th February 1883	Bhagalpur.
„ Bepin Behari De	B.L.	6th February 1883	Rangpur.
„ Phani Bhusan Mukerji	B.L.	6th February 1883	Rajshahi.
„ Nirmal Chandra Singha	M.A., B.L.	21st February 1882	Tippera.
„ Sarat Chandra Sen	B.L.	6th February 1883	Noakhali.
„ Devendra Bijoy Bose	M.A., B.L.	21st February 1882	Jessore.
„ Asutosh Banerji, No. II	B.L.	6th February 1883	Dacca.
„ Prasanna Kumar Gupta	B.L.	6th February 1883	Tippera.
„ Charu Chandra Mukerji	B.L.	6th February 1883	Backergunge.
„ Trailakhya Nath Sen	M.A., B.L.	6th February 1883	Chittagong.
„ Bhagavati Charan Mitra, No. II	M.A., B.L.	6th February 1883	Tippera.
„ Rajani Kanta Chatterji	B.L.	6th February 1883	Dacca.
„ Satkori Haldar	B.L.	6th February 1883	Midnapore.
„ Sosi Kumar Ghose	B.L.	6th February 1883	Sylhet.
„ Atal Chandra Ghose, No. II	B.L.	21st February 1882	Rajshahi.
„ Basanta Kumar Ghose	B.L.	6th February 1883	Mymensingh.
„ Tara Prasanna Das	B.L.	21st February 1882	Cuttack.
Mr. Ibrahim Ahmad	Barrister-at-Law.	7th July 1886	Tirhut.
Babu Rajendra Lal Ghose	B.L.	6th February 1883	Tippera.
Moulvi Fazlul Karim	B.L.	31st March 1885	Chittagong.
Babu Koylas Chandra Sen	B.L.	6th February 1883	Noakhali.
„ Rakhal Chandra Bose	B.L.	6th February 1883	Bhagalpur.
„ Bhoba Charan Mukerji	B.L.	5th February 1884	Patna.
„ Biraja Charan Mitra	B.L.	6th February 1883	Backergunge.
„ Asutosh Mitra	B.L.	6th February 1883	Jessore.
Mr. Latifur Rahman	Barrister-at-Law	27th January 1890	Dacca.
Babu Brajes Chandra Singha	B.L.	6th February 1883	Backergunge.
„ Banwari Lal Banerji	B.L.	6th February 1883	Chittagong.
„ Upendra Chandra Chatterji	B.L.	6th February 1883	Chittagong.
„ Sarat Kishore Bose	B.L.	5th February 1884	Sylhet.
„ Ram Lal Das	M.A., B.L.	5th February 1884	Jessore.
„ Davendra Mohan Sen	B.L.	5th February 1884	Jessore.
„ Hari Narain Misra	B.L.	5th February 1884	Chota-Nagpur.

Names.	Degree or other qualifications.	Date of qualification.	District to which appointed.
Babu Nobin Chandra Ghosal . .	B.L.	6th February 1883	Dacca.
„ Khetter Lal Singha . . .	M.A., B L.	31st March 1885	Midnapore.
„ Ambica Charan Mozumdar . .	M.A., B.L	31st March 1885	Jessore.
„ Kumad Nath Banerji . .	B.L.	5th February 1884	Mymensingh.
„ Revati Kanta Nag . . .	B.L.	21st February 1882	Sylhet.
„ Ramapati De	B.L.	21st February 1882	Backergunge.
„ Asutosh Ghose . . .	B.L.	6th February 1883	Burdwan.
„ Shama Charan Chuckerbutti .	B.L.	6th February 1883	Cuttack.
„ Romesh Chandra Sen . .	B.L.	31st February 1885	Tippera.
„ Purna Chandra Sircar . .	M.A., B.L.	31st February 1885	Hooghly.
„ Mohendra Nath Dut . .	B.L.	31st February 1885	Chittagong.
„ Harendra Narain Guha . .	B.L.	30th March 1886	Hooghly.
„ Chandra Kumar Chatterji . .	B L.	31st March 1885	Purnea.
„ Probha Chandra Singha . .	M.A., B.L.	31st March 1885	Mymensingh

SUMMARY.

The great increase in the number of suits instituted during the year under review demands special notice. The gradual progress of litigation in the various classes of suits during the last twenty-three years will appear from the following statement:—

Year.	Suits instituted for money or movables.	Suits instituted under the Rent Law.	Title suits instituted.	Total number of suits instituted.	Number of officers employed.
1870	153,515	46,385	29,682	229,582	
1871	150,975	85,230	31,417	267,622	
1872	163,875	94,050	32,514	290,439	
1873	160,193	102,673	48,625	311,491	
1874	146,454	101,027	44,835	292,316	
1875	169,715	116,581	37,447	323,743	
1876	177,380	123,433	36,215	337,028	
1877	184,821	126,721	37,792	349,334	
1878	188,037	126,902	40,237	355,176	
1879	199,748	131,451	43,585	374,784	
1880	196,851	142,886	44,827	384,564	
1881	199,224	149,119	34,886	383,229	
1882	208,362	159,830	35,685	403,877	
1883	212,047	162,501	33,109	407,657	
1884	222,478	165,969	35,101	423,548	48 Subordinate Judges and 226 Munsifs.
1885	232,267	168,658	33,987	434,912	
1886	244,185	160,707	35,447	440,339	During the years 1886 to 1891 additional officers were from time to time employed to render assistance, and in the end of 1891 a permanent addition to the Subordinate Judicial Service was at length sanctioned.
1887	252,331	175,852	34,271	462,454	
1888	235,428	182,222	34,883	452,533	
1889	231,649	187,445	37,927	457,021	
1890	230,343	187,451	38,669	456,463	
1891	250,478	189,986	36,936	477,400	
1892	279,442	208,505	38,002	525,949	52 Subordinate Judges and 281 Munsifs.

The year 1870 has been selected as the starting point because in that year suits under the Rent Law were for the first time made cognizable by the

Civil Courts through the passing of Act VIII (B.C.) of 1869. It will be seen that suits for immovable property or some interest therein, classed as title-suits, have been liable to slight fluctuations in number, but that there has been a considerable increase during the past year, for which the number returned is much in excess of that for any of the eleven previous years, except 1890. The number of suits of the other classes—especially of rent suits—has steadily increased. Rent suits have increased in number year by year without any check until 1886, and they more than recovered from the check of 1886 in the following year. The falling off in 1886 was no doubt due to the passing of the Bengal Tenancy Act (VIII of 1885), suitors hesitating to come into Court until the new law had become understood and settled. The increase in the number of rent suits, it will be observed, has been much greater than that of suits for money or movables, though naturally the latter class of suits still represents more than one-half of the litigation.

As has been mentioned in the body of this report (paragraph 37), the business of the Civil Courts has also been added to considerably by the increasing number of judicial miscellaneous cases. This is comparatively a new class of business, often requiring as much time and attention as regular Civil suits.

The increased number of suits instituted has naturally led to a greater number of decrees under execution, and this has also added to the business before the Courts of First Instance.

The appellate business has not proportionately increased, as will appear from the following statement :—

Year.	Appeals instituted			Total	Number of Subordinate Judges employed.
	In suits for money or movables.	In suits under the Rent Law.	In title and other suits.		
1870	*	*	*	16,558	
1871	*	*	*	20,972	
1872 . . .	*	*	*	19,689	
1873	*	*	*	23,053	
1874	*	*	*	21,057	
1875	*	*	*	19,830	
1876	*	*	*	20,422	
1877	3,350	9,475	7,314	20,139	
1878	3,304	8,420	6,879	18,603	
1879	3,699	8,386	7,394	19,479	
1880	3,769	8,387	7,373	19,529	
1881	3,625	8,564	7,603	19,792	
1882	3,390	9,506	6,605	19,501	
1883	3,316	8,326	5,815	17,457	
1884	3,396	9,127	5,909	18,432	48
1885	3,453	8,981	6,335	18,769	During the years 1885 to 1891 some additional Subordinate Judges were from time to time employed, and in the end of 1891 a permanent net increase of four appointments was sanctioned.
1886	3,477	9,077	6,574	19,128	
1887	3,481	9,184	6,388	19,053	
1888	3,664	9,795	6,281	19,740	
1889	3,790	9,052	6,462	19,304	
1890	3,981	9,227	6,786	19,994	
1891	3,794	9,321	6,747	19,862	
1892 . . .	4,182	10,061	7,306	21,554	52

* Figures for each class for these years are not available.

The system of summary trial under the Small Cause Court procedure has very materially affected these returns; but notwithstanding the fact that the number of Courts invested with such powers has gradually increased and that the limits of their pecuniary jurisdiction have also been extended, the number of Appeals in suits for money or movables has risen. The result must be due to the greater number of suits of this class which are not cognizable by these special Courts. In Appeals in rent suits the business has increased considerably, and the circumstance indicates that a large proportion of such suits are contested. Moreover, very many of them involve the determination of matters of importance beyond the mere question of liability for rent due. The variation in title Appeals follows that in the number of suits of this class.

Generally, therefore, the Appellate business has increased, and the fact that it has not done so to the same extent as the original business coming before the Courts may be ascribed to the effect of trials under the Small Cause Courts Act on suits for money or movables, which, as already stated, represent more than one-half of the litigation in the Courts of First Instance.

The number of the Courts has not increased in proportion to the business coming before them, and there is much reason to believe that, notwithstanding the increase recently sanctioned by Government, the existing Courts are not sufficient. In 1891 the Government sanctioned a considerable permanent increase to the number of the Civil Courts. The subject was prominently brought to notice in 1887, and in 1889 an officer was specially appointed to make a full enquiry and to submit a report thereon. The report eventually submitted was based on the returns of 1888, and the orders of Government proceeded also on those returns: but there has since been a very considerable increase of business, which the Courts have under extreme pressure endeavoured to meet. The full extent of this increase is thus shown :—

	Original suits instituted.	Appeals preferred.
1888	452,533	19,740
1892	525,919	21,554

In several Courts there has consequently been a heavy accumulation of arrears, which, if not provided for without delay, must inevitably result in confusion and a practical stoppage of all regular business. Efforts have been made from time to time to meet urgent demands by the temporary transfer of judicial officers from places where the work was comparatively lighter to render assistance where assistance was most required; but it is impossible to ensure a proper administration of justice without a further increase in the number of the existing Courts.

The ministerial establishments, which are by law placed beyond the control of the High Court, have also been under revision on a report made by two officers specially appointed by Government for that purpose. The recommendations of those officers have not been fully accepted, and consequently there is much reason to believe that the office work of Civil Courts is still inefficiently done. This is especially felt in the record-offices, the additional work thrown upon which by the vast increase in the number of cases, original and appellate, has not been sufficiently recognized. There are consequently few districts in which it can be said that the record-offices are in good order, and that the arrangement and distribution of the records have been carried out so as to enable any paper required by a Court or a private party to be easily and readily produced. Enquiries are now being made by the Court to ascertain the extent to which confusion prevails and assistance is called for. It is much

to be regretted that, instead of increasing the paid ministerial staff, the system has been retained of employing unpaid ministerial officers under the designation of apprentices, comparatively few of whom can ever hope to obtain permanent employment. The dangers of such a system as applied to the administration of justice have been frequently represented, and the responsibility for its continuance rests with the Government.

The income derived from the Civil Courts of Bengal also deserves prominent mention. The accuracy of the returns made year by year in reports submitted by Government was never formally challenged until 1890, when the Government of India for the first time published* statistics showing from their point of view the receipts and disbursements relating to the Civil Courts of the different provinces in India. On these returns a surplus of R14,75,000 was shown in favour of the Civil Courts of Bengal for the year 1885, and, in view of the large increase in the number of institutions since then, the surplus must now be very much greater, even if due account be taken of the cost of the appointment of the additional officers referred to above. Ample means were, therefore, available for sanctioning the additional ministerial officers reported to be necessary and discontinuing the employment of unpaid agency.

* *Gazette of India*, January 9th, 1890

There has been much improvement of recent years in the accommodation afforded to the Civil Courts, but much remains to be done.

Until the requirements of the Civil Courts in Bengal are more liberally provided for, the administration of justice cannot be regarded as in a satisfactory condition.

APPENDIX.

Statement showing the condition of some of the Civil Court Buildings, Bengal, as given in the Reports on the Administration of Civil Justice for 1892.

District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
BACKERGUNGE. Barisal.	A scheme for the construction of new law Courts at Barisal has been under consideration for 11 years. Nothing has been done during the year under report. A new quadruple Munsifi has been sanctioned for Patuakhali. The foundations had been dug when I visited and inspected those Munsifis last month. One of the Munsifi buildings, a mat and thatch hut at Bhola, has been taken under the Public Works Department. It is a very poor building. The condition of judicial buildings generally remains the same.	No. 89, dated the 22nd February, 1893.
Patuakhali.		
Bhola.		
BANKURA. Sadar.	The Civil Court buildings at Head-quarters are in good order. A portico for the protection of conveyances kept in waiting in front of the Court buildings would be a great convenience.	No. 279, dated the 17th February, 1893.
Kotulpur, Khatra Vishnupur and Gangajalghati.	At Kotulpur and Khatra there are Court-houses for a single Munsif, and at Vishnupur for double Munsifs on the standard plan. These are kept in good order; periodical repairs are met from contingent charges. Gangajalghati is the only Munsifi in this District where the Court is held in a mud building. Until the question of the amalgamation of the Chowki with the Sadar Munsifi is finally disposed of, no step can be taken or proposed to have a masonry building there. I may note here under this head that in the portion of the Civil buildings at Head-quarters at my disposal, there is accommodation for only one Judicial Officer besides the District, so that it is impossible for the Subordinate Judge and the Additional Munsif to sit at Bankura at the same time.	
BIRBHUM. Sadar.	The buildings occupied by the Courts at the Head-quarters have been maintained in an efficient state of repair. I inspected the Court-houses at out-lying Stations in 1892 and 1893, and made the following observations in my reports to the Honorable Court:—	No. 349, dated the 11th February, 1893.
Dubrajpur.	"The Court and Office are housed in the same wretched "little mud and thatch bungalow as before. The accommodation is quite inadequate. The Public Works "Department stacked bricks two or three years ago "in its immediate vicinity, in order to build a masonry Court, but the Rs. 5,000 allotted were withdrawn, and the only result of their action so far is "to aggravate the heat of the bungalow, already "very great by reason of the vicinity of rocks, by the "addition of a close wall of bricks. It seems to me "that if the Government has finally abandoned the "idea of building proper accommodation, the bricks "ought to be removed forthwith, and indeed I believe "that there is some talk of the District Board buying some of these bricks, in order to complete the "construction of (I believe) an Inspection Bungalow, "about 300 or 400 yards from the Court. I propose "to address Government direct on the subject."	
Rampur-Hat (permanent Munsif).	"The Munsif holds Court in a masonry building constructed upon the standard plan. It is now being "enlarged so as to convert it into a two-Munsif "Court and Office."	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
BIRBHUM—*contd.* Rampur-Hat (Additional Munsif).	"Court and Office are at present held in a long thatched room or shed, which we hire, for want of better accommodation. As, however, the foundations have been dug and the work of building the necessary extensions of the Masonry Court-house to accommodate the Additional Munsif has begun, I need say nothing more on this head."	
Bolpur (Permanent and Additional Munsif).	"Although a year has elapsed since my last report, no further steps have been taken in the direction of the new Court-house. The two bungalows in use continue to be in a serviceable condition. The flooring of the Court-room and verandah of the Additional Munsif are badly worn down and must be repaired. One or more of the doors in the permanent Munsif's room should be washed to get rid of white-wash stains."	
BHAGULPUR Sadar.	As regards my own Court and that of the Subordinate Judges at Bhagulpur, there is not much reason to complain except as regards the Record-room, but the accommodation for the Munsif is entirely inadequate. The Second Munsif sits in a little room, which was formerly used for part of the office of the First Munsif, whose office is now crowded into a small room. I think it most unreasonable to expect full work from clerks who are so crowded together that they can scarcely move without interfering with each other. They have no place for keeping their papers, and work under great disadvantages. A Second Munsif's Court-house is urgently required. After a delay of six months, I obtained sanction for putting up some mats in the verandah, which will afford a little relief to the office, but not at all so much as they require.	No. 15 P. 204, dated the 14th February 1893.
	The Record-room will shortly require to be enlarged. It is already nearly full, and the papers cannot be destroyed in anything like the numbers in which they are filed.	
Banka.	The Court here is in very good condition, and accommodates the *amla* and records conveniently. It has recently been built according to the standard plan.	
Madhipura	His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal has been pleased to accord administrative sanction for converting this Munsifi into a double one in Government letter No. 4463B of 20th August, 1892. Its condition has been reported so many times over that it is no use saying anything more. The new building is urgently required.	
	The Additional Munsif, who sits here, occupies a bungalow, erected by some legal practitioners, and they have let it at Rs. 5 per month. They are not, however, inclined to continue this arrangement.	
Monghyr Subordinate Judge's Court.	The condition of this Court building is good, and there is at present no complaint about insufficiency of space for the establishment. The Court-room is spacious, but the platform for the Pleaders is too small, and it ought to be replaced by a larger one.	
Monghyr Munsif's Court.	The Court-house is in a very good condition, but more room for the office is urgently required. The present accommodation is about as bad as it is at Bhagulpur.	
Jamui.	The Court-house is in fairly good condition.	
Begusarai.	Government has resolved upon converting this Munsifi into a double one to afford accommodation to both the officers that are now located there. A portion of the present building was burnt and some	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
BHAGULPUR—Begusarai—*contd.*	records partially destroyed. Correspondence is going on with Government on the subject of the enlargement of the building here. The Additional Munsif sits in the Bar Library, which the members of the Bar have placed at his disposal free of rent.	
BURDWAN. Bood-bood.	The Court-house at Bood-bood was in such a dilapidated state, that during the last rains, the Court had to be removed to Mankar, where a rented house was taken for some months. The repairs to the Court-house were not completed till the 1st December, and then the Court was removed back to Bood-bood. The proposal to remove the Court permanently to Mankar, which was under consideration of Government, has not been definitely settled. I hope to submit a separate report on the subject soon. Meanwhile, the repairs of the Court-house at Bood-bood have removed all cause for urgency in the matter.	No. 323, dated the 11th February, 1893.
Raniganj.	As regards the Court-house at Raniganj, the Munsif complains of the insufficiency of space for accommodation of his establishment. This fact was brought to the notice of the Court by Mr. Rampini in his Inspection Report No. 1780, dated the 26th November, 1888, and in paragraph 50 of his Annual Report No. 328 of 16th February, 1891. Mr. Badcock also referred to this subject in his Inspection Report No. 1741 of 7th August, 1891. I think steps should be taken to remove the inconvenience complained of.	
Kalna	The Munsif of Kalna reports that "the Court building has undergone thorough repairs, and two rooms for office and another *ijlas* for the Additional Munsif have been added. Consequently, the cry for want of accommodation has ceased, although the new rooms have not been conveniently built."	
Katwa	The Court-house at Katwa is a double Munsifi on the standard plan The rooms are spacious and well-ventilated. The Munsif reports that there is no shelter for witnesses, and that the want of a latrine is much felt. The construction of the additional rooms for the clerks lately sanctioned by Government has commenced, and it is hoped will be soon finished.	
CHITTAGONG. Sadar.	The accommodation for the Courts at Head-quarters may be considered sufficient. First grade pleaders have been allowed to occupy, at a suitable rental, the witness-room on the upper storey, which was very little used; and the room downstairs, intended for the second grade pleaders, has been converted into the Judge's *Nazarat*. The Additional Munsif's private room is used as a *malkhana*: These arrangements have been necessitated by the refusal of Government to add to the new buildings. Stamp-vendors have been housed half-way down the hill in a separate building, near which the pleaders have constructed a *kutcha* (temporary) room for their clients and clerks. The passages having been cleared, the noise and crowding are not so great as my predecessor described, but I am still obliged to keep the front doors of my Court-room closed. I think the glass doors of the office rooms should have wire-netting attached on the inside.	No. 145, dated 15th February, 1893.

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District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
CHITTAGONG—*contd.* Cox's Bazar.	At Cox's Bazar there is a *pucca* building on the Public Works Department old standard plan. It is in good order.	
Hathhazari.	The new *pucca* Munsifi at Hathhazari, also constructed on the old standard plan, will be shortly occupied, a *kutcha* building for the Additional Munsif being erected close by out of funds at my disposal.	
North Raojan.	The North Raojan's Munsif's Court is in a ruinous condition, and I have obtained a grant from Government for a new building, which it is proposed to locate on a good site near the Khas Mehal office.	
Satkania.	I have also secured an extra grant to build a double Munsifi at Satkania, where the Anwara Munsif will be shortly removed. A new site has been selected away from the Bazar.	
Patiya.	The First and Second Munsifs' houses at Patiya are *kutcha* with *pucca* plinths. They are borne in the books of the Public Works Department. I have received the promise of a special grant from Government for the construction of a new building to accommodate the Additional Munsif, who will be made permanent at Patiya when the Anwara jurisdiction is distributed.	
	The other Munsifs occupy mat buildings to a greater or less extent in habitable order, and repaired annually out of my contract contingent allotment.	
Sitakund.	The Sitakund Munsif's Court building does not belong to Government, being rented at Rs. 15 per month. It is not at all suited for the purpose, but nothing can be done until the new Railway is opened, when the Court may be removed to the Sadar Station.	
CUTTACK. Sadar.	These buildings have undergone the usual quadrennial repairs and are in good order. The sitting, or *ijlas*, room of the District Judge was very badly wanting in light and ventilation. This has been remedied by furnishing the sky-light on both its sides with *jhilmills*, and by entirely replacing the *pucca* flat roof of the sky-light by a gable roof of glass.	No. 167, dated 28th February, 1893.
	The pantiled roof of the verandahs and shades all round the building still continues to be a nuisance. It leaks so profusely that it is better to have no roof than to have a roof of the kind. The sanction obtained by the Public Works authorities to convert it into a regular *pucca* roof has not been given effect to, as it is said, for want of funds, and although years have elapsed since this sanction, no further steps have been taken in the direction of making funds and giving effect to the sanction.	
	The light and ventilation of the Court-room of the Munsif were very defective. The defects have been remedied by heightening the openings of the four entrance ways into the room and by opening out in the roof two *gamla* ventilators. A room in the building has also been converted into a private room for the Munsif.	
Kendrapara.	It is an old *kutcha* house erected so long back as 1869. Not being borne on the books of the Public Works Department, its maintenance is looked after by this department, the expenditure being chargeable to office contingencies. The building was materially damaged by the cyclone that broke out	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
CUTTACK—Kendrapara.—*contd.*	in September, 1891. Having no competent agency at Kendrapara to look after the necessary repairs done to it from time to time, I made a proposal to Government to transfer the building to the Public Works Department, but it was not accepted.	
Jajpur.	The building was originally an Inspection Bungalow, now transferred for use as a Civil building by the Munsif. Its maintenance is looked after by the Public Works Department. As the building, when originally constructed, was not intended for a Court, certain important alterations, after its occupation by the Munsif, was considered essentially necessary and on a proposal and estimate submitted by the Superintending Engineer to the Government, a sanction of Rs. 657 has been obtained. The alterations sanctioned provide for giving a larger Court-room, 29 feet by 12 feet, in place of the present room, 18 feet by 14 feet. It also adds a room for records and a bath-room for the Munsif.	
Balasore and Puri.	The Munsifs' Courts at Balasore and Puri are lodged in a part of the Collectorate buildings.	No. 337, dated the 16th February, 1893.
DACCA.	The following improvements in the condition of the Judicial buildings in this District were made during the past year. (1) A treble Munsif's Court-house at Manikganj was completed. (2) Some additions and alterations were made in the *Nazarat* building at the Head quarter at a cost of Rs. 798. (3) Two mat buildings with *pucca* floors were under construction at Munshiganj, one for the Court-house of the Fourth Munsif, and the other for the accommodation of the *Nazarat*, Account and the Copying Departments. (4) A three-seated Horbury's patent latrine has been provided at Munshiganj at a cost of Rs. 522.	
Sadar.	The accommodation for the Courts at the Head-quarters is not sufficient, and the Small Cause Court Judge has to hold his Court in a hired building a short distance off. The building is in bad repair, and is not at all well adapted for the requirements of a Court. His Record-room is in the main building, and the accommodation for his clerks is insufficient. The office establishments of the Courts of the Second Subordinate Judge and Third and Fourth Munsifs are huddled up together, and the small retiring rooms intended for the use of the Judicial Officers have to be given up to them. The District Record-room is at present filled to overflowing, and additional space is urgently required. A scheme was submitted to Government in 1888 and approved for the construction of a double-storied building on the site of the present *Nazarat* to afford accommodation for the Small Cause Court Judge and his office, the Copying Department, *Nazarat*, etc., and it was proposed to add to the Record-room a large hall adjoining it which is at present occupied by the Copying Department. The proposal involved an expenditure of Rs. 36,000, and the want of available funds appears to be the reason why nothing has yet been done to carry it into effect. Pending further action with regard to this proposal, Government has, at my suggestion, sanctioned and carried out some much needed improvements in the *Nazarat* building.	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
DACCA—Sadar—*contd.*	The overcrowded state of the Record-room has also been again brought to the notice of Government, and I have proposed as a temporary measure for its relief that the western verandah of the District Court building adjoining the Record-room, which is 41¼ feet long by 11½ feet broad, be enclosed with iron gratings, etc., and provided with racks: The proposal is now under the consideration of Government, and if carried out will, I believe, afford sufficient accommodation for the records for the next few years, and until perhaps the present period of financial pressure is relieved. In previous reports my predecessor has invited attention to the inconveniences which I have noticed, and without repeating I would beg to refer to those remarks.	
Kaliganj.	The Munsifs at Kaliganj repeat their warnings of the great danger arising, especially in the dry weather, of the destruction by fire of the mat buildings in which their Courts are held. That the danger is not an imaginary one may be gathered from the fact that the school houses standing close by was burnt down in March, 1892. In 1891 there was a fire at night close to the Courts, and the Munsif, Babu Lal Gopal Sen, had to collect his clerks and officers and remove the books and records for fear that the fire might extend to the Court buildings. The construction of a masonry Court-house, for at least two Courts, is urgently required at this Munsifi. Complaints are also made that the small corrugated iron building for records, constructed in 1881, will not afford accommodation for the records much longer, and there is further constant risk that the records will be destroyed or damaged by vermin. This building will have to be re-constructed on a larger scale at an early date.	
Munshiganj.	The Munsifs of the First and Second Courts at Munshiganj complain of want of accommodation. The long narrow office rooms, 28 feet long by 9 feet broad, do not afford sufficient space for the office staff with tables, almirahs for records and racks for forms. The Record-rooms will also soon be found insufficient for the Small Cause Court records. Racks have even now to be placed in the Court-rooms. There is no doubt that much space is wasted in all Government buildings in outlying Districts by the heavy wooden-racks locally constructed, and that a great economy of space could be effected by the substitution of the lighter racks fixed on iron posts, now in use in all the public offices in Calcutta. Sets of light iron shelves fixed against the walls would also afford in a limited space accommodation for forms and save waste in space as well as in stationery. These improvements, if carried at Munshiganj, would afford some relief, but it is also necessary either to double the size of the present office rooms or to construct an additional wing, with two office rooms, to the buildings. The Munsif of the Second Court, I may mention, has to give up the partial use of his private room to some of his ministerial staff. At both Munshiganj and Kaliganj a Court-room, for the use of the Additional Munsif, is badly required. At Kaliganj that officer has to occupy the Nazir's room, and at Munshiganj the use of the office of the Local Board has been permitted by the District Magistrate as a temporary arrangement.	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
DINAJPUR. Sadar.	The Judge's Court building is in good order. It affords accommodation for the Court and Office of the District Judge, as well as for those of the Subordinate Judge. As reported previously, the Sadar Munsif, who formerly used some of the rooms, has now been provided with a separate building for his Court and Office close to the main building. In the case of the main building, the want of a portico and of a *pucca* drain all round the base of the walls, is much felt during the rains.	No. 173, dated the 16th February, 1893.
	The Sadar Munsif's Court-house has accommodation for two officers. The second Court-room therein is utilized by the Additional Munsif, from time to time deputed to assist in reducing the Sadar Munsif's file.	
Thakurgaon.	The Court-house at Thakurgaon is a thatched bungalow with a mat wall, affording sufficient accommodation of its kind. The proposed Sub-Divisional Court building is intended to provide room for the Munsif as well, but nothing is yet known as to when its construction will be begun.	
Raiganj.	The present Court building of the Munsif of Raiganj is on the standard plan, and was completed about two years ago. It is in good repair. The accommodation provided for the Munsif is ample, but that available for the *amla* is scanty in the extreme. Three of them are huddled together in a small den called the Record-room, and the rest have to find places as best they may among the tables and almirahs in the one other room set apart for the ministerial staff. This state of things is not satisfactory, but it would be futile at the present moment to go up to Government with a proposal for the enlargement of the building. The corrugated iron shed provided for the shelter of witnesses (one end of which is partitioned off to form the *Malkhana*) is not water-tight, particularly at the east end, where there is a large open space left between the wall and the roof, and the result is that in rainy weather, the witnesses crowd into the verandah of the main building to the detriment of the business of the Court. The District Board which now has charge of all public buildings has been asked to remedy the defects pointed out. I have already got the District Board to attend to the drainage of the compound and repair of the road leading from the Court-house to the Bazar.	
Balughat.	The Court building at Balughat is on the standard plan, and was erected two years ago. Much inconvenience is felt for the want of a *Malkhana* and witness-shed which were omitted to be provided when the new building was erected, because there was ample accommodation in the old Court building close by. The latter, however, collapsed during the last rainy season, and the sanction of Government has recently been obtained to the construction of a combined *Malkhana* and witness-shed similar to those provided for the new Munsifis at Raiganj and Phulbari. Some of the masonry pillars, put up to demarcate the boundary of the Munsifi compound (which was acquired by Government under the Land Acquisition Act), are already beginning to crumble away, and the District Board has been requested to see to their repair.	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
DINAJPUR—*contd.* Phulbari.	The Court building at Phulbari is in good order, and since it has been provided with an *annexe* for storeage of attached movable property, and for the shelter of witnesses, a portion of which has been set apart for the *Nazir's* office, no inconvenience is now felt on the score of insufficient accommodation. The Munsif, however, reports that a verandah on the southern side of the Court building should also be constructed, as for want of it much inconvenience is felt during the hot weather as well as in the rains.	
Darjeeling and Kurseong.	At Darjeeling and Kurseong the Court-house of the Deputy Commissioner and that of the Joint Magistrate, respectively, serve as Court-houses for the transaction of Civil business.	
Siliguri.	The Munsif of Siliguri, who is also a Deputy Magistrate, has no separate *cutcheri* as Munsif. He transacts Civil and Criminal business in the same building, at present a thatched bungalow, but I understand that it is about to be converted into a masonry structure.	
FARIDPUR.	I went out and inspected Madaripur and Chikandi in the latter part of February, 1892. Somehow commitments to the January Sessions of this year (1893) came in slowly and I have been able to utilize the latter half of January and some days in February for inspecting the same two Munsifis, also Goalundo, and in visiting Bhanga. The Courts at Bhanga are in quite make-shift quarters till the new *cutcheris*, now approaching completion, are finished, so that detailed inspection was not desirable or likely to be of much use. These last inspections should be credited against the current year. I also inspected the offices of both Subordinate Judges and the Additional Munsif of Faridpur, and such reports as have not yet been submitted will be sent up in due course.	No. 142, dated the 20th February, 1893.
Madaripur.	At Madaripur, Civil buildings are the same as before, three mat and thatch-bungalows and a small Record-room of corrugated iron only 12 feet by 9 feet. This has been fitted up with racks, fitted with wire doors, and having capacity to hold about as many records as eight *almirahs*, and it holds another *almirah* as well. I was able to see that the work was done in a workman-like manner, and Munsifs can now make the utmost use of the room. Now that an Additional Munsif is available for Madaripur from about November to the end of March in each year, it will be well to double the size of this room, but no more racks should be required.	
	The Bar Library, a structure with mat-walls and iron roof, has been hired at Rs. 5 a month for the use of the Additional Munsif. There is really no space for setting up another *cutcheri*, nor in view of concentrating Munsifs at Sub-Divisions is it worth while taking steps here at present. Chikandi Munsifi may in time be brought to Madaripur, and if so, Munsifi *cutcheris* may entail double as big a building as the new one at Bhanga, but this cannot be expected for some years.	
	The Areal Khan River is encroaching on Madaripur, and the Central Bengal Railway may, in the course of a few years, come there. Good space for a couple of treble Munsifis might be found on the open *maidan* opposite the new Municipal Bazar, and on	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house	No and Date of Report
FARIDPUR—*contd*	the other side of the Kumar River, out of the way of shops and railway works, though conveniently near to them.	
Chikandi.	At Chikandi, the First and Second Court-houses have been somewhat improved in the way of windows. They and the *Nazarat* are mat and thatch buildings as before The Additional Munsif occupies the pleader's house, which is too rotten, too low, and too dark, and too small for satisfactory work I must renew my application for a new *cutcha cutcheri* here The expense would be about Rs 1,000, well worth while incurring for a few years' work A new corrugated iron Record-room, 24 feet by 9 feet, has been set up, and has been fitted with racks that should give ample space for records On my recent inspection, I found the work had been badly done, but am taking steps to have things set right	
Bhanga.	At Bhanga, a fine treble Munsifi is approaching completion, so that I have hopes of the Munsifs being able to begin work in it on the 1st April After all it has been practicable to make the building face the Kumar River to the south of it In my inspection report, I have suggested more land being taken up	
Goalundo.	At Goalundo, the Munsifs have the same large barn like *kutcha* house as before Rain drives into it through the southern windows, which are not fitted with glass I am suggesting glass windows and a narrow bit of verandah to keep out sun and rain from the clerks' rooms. The new *Nazarat* is a substantial *kutcha* building, and a valuable addition to the premises Record-rooms of corrugated iron are the same as before The racks for the smaller one have been sanctioned, but have not yet been set up	
Sadar and Goalundo	At Faridpur, there has been no change in civil buildings These and the Goalundo buildings and iron record-rooms elsewhere have been under the District Board since the 1st April last (*vide* Government Resolution Circular No 19E of 31st December, 1891) This District has had very little money allotted to it, and by no means so much as is wanted has been done in the way of quadrennial repairs	
GAYA Sadar	There has been an addition made to the Sadar Amin's *cutcheri* building in the year under review. But all the three Munsifs at the Sadar cannot be removed to this *cutcheri*, unless similar extra accommodation for the Court and Office of the Subordinate Judge, Second Court, is provided for in the Judge's Court building I hope, however, that prompt steps may be taken in the matter The Record room requires additional sky-lights, and the roofs should be thoroughly renewed to prevent leakage. As the Civil Court buildings at the Sadar are undergoing thorough repairs, I trust these small matters will be carefully attended to.	No. 42, dated the 16th February, 1893
HOOGHLY.	Since the submission of the Administration Report for 1891, the northern verandah of the District record building has been enclosed, which now serves for the accommodation of the *amlas* attached to the Record room.	No 893, dated the 28th February, 1893.
Jahanabad	Administrative sanction of the Government has been obtained to the construction of a triple Munsifi at Jahanabad, and of a Second Court-house for the	

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HOOGHLY—*contd.* Uluberia.	Additional Munsif of Ulubaria. The matter is pending in the Public Works Department of the Government of Bengal.	
Howrah.	At Howrah the accommodation provided for the Civil Courts is miserably inadequate. Where formerly there was but one Munsif, there are now three. The establishment of all the Courts (about 26 persons) are huddled together in one small room, where anything like order is impossible. It is very desirable that a separate building should be erected to accommodate the Small Cause Court and the Munsifs.	
JESSORE. Sadar.	The buildings at the Head-quarters of Jessore, are, generally speaking, in good condition. No additions or alterations were effected during the year.	No. $\frac{G}{532}$, dated the 20th February, 1893.
	A petition signed by the pleaders, *mukhtars*, witnesses, and the general public, was presented to me in April last. The signatories complained of the great inconvenience they suffered at all seasons, owing to the want of a verandah along the Court-houses of the Second and Third Munsifs of Jessore, which are too small to accommodate them, and which have no convenient place close by, where they can stay during the trial of their suits.	
	I wrote to Government on the subject, and the Government of Bengal has asked for a rough plan of the proposed verandah. The District Engineer has furnished me with a plan, and it has been submitted to Government since the close of the year under review.	
Satkhira.	The First Munsif of Satkhira complains that the thatched bungalow in which his Court is held, is not roomy enough for the accommodation of his *amlas*. The Second Munsif makes a similar complaint. The Third Munsif has no separate house of his own, but holds his Court in a part of the Sub-Divisional building. The Honorable Judges have already been informed of the unhealthiness of Satkhira, and of the desirability of removing the Munsifs' Courts to healthier Station.	
Narail.	At Narail there are four Munsifs and only two Court-houses. The Third Munsif holds his Court in a thatched house formerly occupied by the *Nazir*. The Small Cause Court building in which the Court of the Additional Munsif is now held, is in a bad condition. It is in urgent need of repair.	
Jhenida.	The Munsif's thatched Court-house at Jhenida is also in a wretched state.	
	The Public Works authorities were asked to repair the aforesaid houses, but they declined to do so, stating that the houses were not on the books of their department.	
	The funds at my own disposal are not sufficient to meet the charges of repair. I have therefore applied to Government to sanction the placing of the houses on the books of the Public Works Department. Sanction has just been received.	
Bagerhat.	The Court-houses of the Munsif at Bagerhat were destroyed by fire in May last, and the construction of new bungalows is now in progress under the supervision of the Public Works Department. The First and Second Courts are, therefore, now being held in the Sub-Deputy's bungalow, and the Third Court sits in the *Mukhtars'* library room, which has been temporarily hired for the purpose.	

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District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
JESSORE—*contd.* Khulna.	The Court-houses of the Subordinate Judge of Khulna and of the Munsifs of Khulna, are in a good condition, but the Munsifs complain of scantiness of accommodation, although I see little ground for their complaint. In short, most of the Munsifs complain of insufficient accommodation for their offices. I cannot abstain from remarking that there seem to be two different ways of treating Deputy Magistrates and Munsifs. Every care and attention seem to be paid to the executive officers. At each Sub-Division, the Deputy Magistrate is comfortably housed. He has no trouble in securing accommodation for himself or his family. A roomy *pucca* house is provided for him. With the unfortunate Munsifs, however, the case is very different. They have no provision made for them. There are no houses for them to rent which are fit for their accommodation. They are compelled to occupy the poorest quarters. The result is that in unhealthy parts like Bagirhat and Satkhira, they suffer considerably, and are often absent through illness from Court. The Deputy Magistrate at Bagirhat has a high two-storied *pucca* building. He of Satkhira has a large *pucca* building in which to live. The difference in the health of the two sets of officers, is noticeable. I would strongly impression the Honorable Court the urgent necessity that Government should have some little consideration for the health and comfort of its judicial as well as of its executive officers. In notoriously unhealthy places, like Satkhira and Bagirhat, some accommodation should be provided for Munsifs. The Honorable Judges have, in their letter No. 307, dated 6th February, 1893, complied with my request, and have done what was possible to mitigate the mischief by promising to bear in mind my suggestion that Munsifs should not be kept more than a year in these unhealthy Sub-Divisions. Considering the enormous income derived by Government from the Administration of Civil Justice, it is not too much to ask that a portion of it be devoted to the accommodation of the officers who administer that justice.	
MIDNAPORE. Sadar.	The provision of a Court for the accommodation of the Additional Munsif of Midnapore has formed the subject of correspondence during the year. Plans and estimates have been prepared and recently submitted by the Executive Engineer. The Munsifs at Tamluk at present sit in the three separate thatched buildings. Government has been moved for the erection of a treble Court-house.	No. 258, dated the 15th February, 1893.
Contai.	The Second Court of Munsif at Contai used to be held in a thatched house, but a new masonry building was constructed during the year.	
Ghatal.	The double Court-houses at Ghatal is in good condition, and a *pucca* pathway round the Court-house was recently made by the Public Works Department.	
Garhbeta and Danton.	The Court-houses at Garhbeta and Danton are in good condition.	
MURSHIDABAD. Sadar.	On this subject my predecessor recorded the following remarks:— "We are very well off for accommodation at the Sadar Station. "The old Collectorate building has now been returned to us by "the Agricultural Department, and I have located the Copyists "in it. The house would make an excellent Court-house for the "Munsif or the Subordinate Judge. Both of these officers have	No. 188, dated the 11th February, 1893.

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MURSHIDABAD—Sadar—*contd.*	"Small Cause Court powers, and on the days when they exercise these powers, their Courts are thronged by the poorer classes. The ample space of the old Collectorate would then be useful, but until a dais is constructed by the Public Works Department, the building cannot be used as a Court. The Additional Munsif is now at Jangipur, and is not likely to return This has increased our accommodation, and so we have improved the rooms of the Record-keeper and of the sherishtas of the Subordinate Judge and Munsif by pulling down three partition walls, and have thereby converted six small ill-ventilated and ill-lighted rooms into three large and airy ones. The Additional Munsif's Court house is now the *Nazir's* sale room, and the Accountant sits in what was the Additional Munsif's sherishta. Should an Additional Munsif be sent here again, there will be no difficulty in accommodating him. He will either get back the rooms of his predecessor or hold his Court in the old Collectorate.	
Lalbag.	"The Lalbag Munsif has now a good Court-house, he having got about ¾ths of the lower storey of the Sub-Divisional building. The question of his occupying the upper storey as a residence has not yet been settled, owing to the Public Works Department having fixed too high a rent on it.	
Azimganj	"The Azimganj Munsif's Court is a thatched building, but it answers its purpose fairly well.	
Jangipur.	"The accommodation at Jangipur is not sufficient. There the Sub-Divisional Officer and two Munsifs hold their Courts in one building, and it is also the Sub-Divisional Officer's residence This is inconvenient, especially when the Sub-Divisional Officer has his family living with him. I am told that another large house is in the market, and I think Government should buy it. Government made a capital bargain when they bought the present Sub-Divisional house and grounds from Mr. Maseyk. If the other house be not bought, then I think that a room should be added to the present building, or a separate Court-house for the Second Munsif should be built in the compound. One disadvantage of the present arrangements is that neither of the Munsifs can get the south breeze into their Courts during the hot weather.	
Kandi.	"The Second Munsif of Kandi's Court-house is very bad, and is not Government property. A new Court-house has been sanctioned, but there is a difficulty about the site which has been referred to the Commissioner."	
MYMENSINGH.	As I have not been able to visit any of the Munsifis since I came to the District in consequence of the very heavy work which I have had to perform at Head-quarters, I can only quote the remarks made by the officers in their reports.	No. 295, dated the 2nd March, 1893.
Jamalpur.	Munsif of Jamalpur reports— "The condition of the Court-house is very bad. It has no sufficient space for convenient accommodations of my office. It is a thatched bungalow with unburnt brick-wall. It is dark, and is not well ventilated. It has no store compartment. Great inconvenience and trouble are often felt when movable properties are brought to Court under attachment. Generally the *Nazir* is obliged to place them in an open verandah, there being no sufficient space within the Court-house. One corrugated iron-roofed shed is urgently and indespensibly necessary for keeping attached movables. When standing crops are attached and the crops are brought to the Court, we feel much trouble and inconvenience for their proper accommodation."	
Sherpur.	Munsif of Sherpur reports— "The Court-house is made of combustible materials, and is not safe from fire, which becomes very common in the hot season. The ground-floor being kutcha, the house is always full of dust, and is subject to worms, which are destructive of records and furniture. The central part of the house where the *ylas* is held, and for which there can be no other space conveniently assigned, is dimly-lighted, and becomes dark in rainy days, necessitating the use of lamp even in midday. There is no compound or any grounds attached to the Court-house. The litigants and witnesses have to stand on the road and others' land, which are also utilized for the purpose of keeping attached properties."	
Iswarganj.	Munsif of Iswarganj reports— "The Court-house is a thatched bungalow, which would require considerable repair during the rainy season. The surrounding mat-walls are in exceedingly bad condition. They have	

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MYMENSINGH—Iswarganj—*contd.*	been eaten up and much damaged by white-ants The house is too small for the accommodation of all the offices The offices of the *sheristadar* accountant, comparing clerk, and two other *mohurirs* are all bundled in the southern verandah of the house separated from the *ejlas* by low mat-walls As the *sheristadar* was empowered to administer oath on affidavits the confusion and noise that ensue may be easily imagined and occasion no small amount of disturbance to the other *amlas* The other offices are in the western verandah, separated from the *ejlas* by two or three almirahs and a number of racks for keeping the printed forms The *Nazir* has a little room, too small for his office, in a corner of the eastern verandah It was in consequence of all these inconveniences that I have reported for a separate house for the location of the *Nazarat* and some other office "	
Netrakona.	Munsif of Netrakona, First Court, reports— ' The Court-house was thatched anew last year, and the plinth and the flooring are expected to be repaired before the close of the financial year, as the work has been undertaken by a local contractor The Court-house is a *kutcha* structure But a separate accommodation should be made with corrugated tin-roofing and walls at a safe distance from the Court house for the safe custody of the decided Small Cause Court cases which, under the rules, are now permanently kept here. A few days ago a fire broke out in the vicinity, and prompt steps were taken for the protection of the houses The Court-houses here, therefore, are not unattended with the risk of fire." Munsif of Netrakona, Second Court, reports— " My Court-house is a thatched building with mat-walls the repairs of which require much expenses every year It is not safe to keep records in a thatched building as there is danger of fire so it is advisable to have a *pucca* building The existing *kutcha* building requires some petty repairs in the current year The floor of the building will, as I hear, be repaired by the Public Works Department It is not known as yet whether the other petty repairs of the building will also be undertaken by the Public Works Department If they do not make the repairs an estimate of costs for the repairs will be submitted to you afterwards A thatched building for the *Nazir* is under construction " Munsif of Netrakona, Third Court, reports— " My Court house is a *kutcha* mat-walled one, with a mud floor The construction of a *pucca* floor has already been sanctioned, and it is expected to be accomplished within a few months The mat-walls and the thatching would require repairs The Court-house is a capacious one to accommodate the *ejlas* and the ministerial staff "	
Kishorganj	Munsif of Kishorganj, First Court, reports— " The condition of the office building is fairly well, but it does not afford sufficient accommodation to all the officers The *Nazir* sits in a separate thatched house, and there is no room for the comparing clerk and the copyists, an addition to this house has become absolutely necessary There is no accommodation for the Additional Munsif, who, while deputed here, occupies the *Nazarat* house for his *ejlas*, and the *Nazir* is to take his *sherista* in a small house erected for the witnesses, where, very inconveniently, he holds his department with his big establishment of peons. It is, therefore, desirable that a separate house should be erected for the Additional Munsif, who, it appears, shall have to remain here for a longer period owing to gradual increase of work."	
Bajitpore	Munsif of Bajitpore, First Court, reports— " It is a larger thatched bungalow containing all the departments, though not conveniently It being covered with straw and always remain in hot season, in consternation of fire Year before last 8 additional peons had been sanctioned simply to watch and protect the building from fire. Last year no such additional hands were allowed, but the same duty was done by the peons remaining in the Station who were, with your permission, compelled to sleep in the Court-house But even this arrangement was not sufficient to allay our fear, which rose to such a pitch, that we begged of the pleaders to lend their library, which is a building covered with corrugated iron and walled with wood-work They surely deserve	

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MYMENSINGH—Bajitpore—*contd.*	thanks for promptly acceding to our request and putting up with inconvenience for about two months for the good of the public. During the said period we kept there all the records, registers, and account-books. Last year I suggested about erection of a separate Record-room covered by, and walled with, corrugated iron sheets as a safeguard from fire, as is to be found in Chowkis of other Districts similarly situated. Again in this year I repeat it." Munsif of Bajitpore, Second Court, reports— "The new Court-house has not undergone any repair since five years. The thatching is not in good order. Patch-work may do for the present year, but in the next year new thatching is necessary. Some of the wooden posts are not in good order and need renewal, as they may prove dangerous during storms and high winds which are frequent here. These old posts ought to be replaced by new and good ones. I made certain suggestions in my last report with regard to the improvement of the Court-house and the Court compound, and also certain other matter. I have nothing new now to add to it."	
Atia.	Munsif of Atia, First Court, reports— "The Court-house is a small building and is now undergoing its quadrennial repairs. The fact that this building does not afford sufficient accommodation for the Court with its whole establishment has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the District Judge. The building consists of one hall, three rooms, and one verandah. The hall is used for the *ijlas*. One of the three rooms serves as the Record-room. It is so dark and ill-ventilated that it cannot be used for any other purpose. In one of the other two rooms the *Sheristadar*, the Accountant, and the *Mohurirs*, are bundled up almost to suffocation. The additional *Mohurrir* has no place to sit. The remaining room which was intended for the presiding Officer's private chamber is being used by the comparing clerks and the copyists But this room is too small for the copyists. The *Nazir* for want of space is compelled to sit in the Second Munsif's Court-house. Hence a considerable addition to the office building or a separate *kutcha* bungalow is indispensably necessary. In consideration of the high costs necessary for the required addition to the office building, I beg to suggest the erection of a *kutcha* Bungalow at an estimated value of Rs. 3,000. This bungalow will afford space for the accommodation of all the *sherishta amlas*, the *sherishtadar*, and the accountant, as also the copying department. In that case the room attached to the eastern part of the building may be used as the Record-room of the Second Court with its library. The bungalow may also afford space for the accommodation of the Additional Munsif who may occasionally come here." Munsif of Atia, Second Court, reports— "The Court bungalow was re-constructed during 1891. It is a new house in a thoroughly sound condition. Petty repairs in the mat-walls and thatching may, however, be necessary. The extent of these repairs cannot be ascertained before the rains set in. I have to urge again the urgent necessity that there is of making some arrangement for the protection of records from fire. I have addressed the District Judge separately on the subject in November last. Only the other day a small hut in the vicinity of the Court compound was on fire, which threatened the Court-house with destruction. Fortunately the fire broke out during Court-hours and was soon put down by the timely help of the people who assembled in the Courts."	
Pingna.	Munsif of Pingna reports— "The Court is held in a thatched house resting on wooden posts, and having bamboo walls, which have been prepared in 1891. The roof of the house was repaired last year, but the earthen floor ought soon to be made *pucca*, as it always remains damp, sinks in several places during the rainy season, and generates white ants, which damage the wooden furniture, etc. I have already written separately on the subject, and urged the necessity of making the floor *pucca*." From all sides come complaints of insufficient accommodation, unsuitable character of buildings, necessity of repairs and danger from fire. Requisitions	

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MYMENSINGH—*concld.*	and estimates for repairs and supply of furniture pour in and I find it difficult to make ends meet with the funds at my disposal. I have applied for an additional grant in order to enable me to comply with some of the more pressing of the claims. As I reported last year, the duty of providing for the repair of the numerous Court-buildings and the supply of furniture is one of the most harrassing which a District Judge has to perform. Heavy business prevents him and his subordinates from properly supervising repairs, and the expenditure thereon, and the result is, I fear, the waste, if nothing worse, of much public money.	
NOAKHALI. Sadar.	The new Court-house at Head-quarters was not finished before the end of the year, but it was made over to me at the beginning of this month, and the three Courts at Head-quarters are now held in it. The accommodation for the Munsif's establishment is scarcely sufficient, and the fittings of some of the rooms are rather inconvenient, but otherwise the change is for the better.	No. 219, dated the 16th February, 1893.
NADIA. Sadar, Kushtia and Chuadanga.	The judicial buildings at Head-quarters are undergoing their usual quadrennial repairs which are nearly completed. The quadrennial repairs to Sub-Divisional Court-building at Kushtia, where the Munsifs' Courts are held, have been completed. At Chuadanga the quadrennial repairs are still going on. The Munsif holds his Court in *pucca* building. The old Court bungalow has been placed under the Public Works Department.	No. 153, dated the 14th February, 1893.
Meherpur.	The Meherpur Munsif now sits in the Sub-Divisional Court-building. Part of the old thatched bungalow will be made over to the executive authorities for an office, and I am in communication with the Collector of the District on the point.	
Ranaghat.	The Ranaghat Munsif now sits in the Sub-Divisional Court building. The old thatched bungalow was burnt down, but was re-built at a cost of over Rs. 300. This thatched building is used by the Additional Munsif and the establishments.	
PATNA . . Sadar.	The Court buildings are in good state of repair. Part of the Judge's Court-room has been walled off for an addition to the Record-room. Yet additional accommodation is needed for the copying department; and one Munsif at least is much exposed to wind and weather. I am doing what I can to get these matters mended.	No. 133, dated the 23rd February, 1893.
PABNA-BOGRA. Sadar.	Eighteen hundred and ninety-two witnessed no change in the accommodation provided for the Civil Courts of Pabna and Bogra. We are very well off at Head-quarters and fairly well off elsewhere. The Court-house at Pabna is just now undergoing the periodical repairs, and the roof of the Court-house of the Second Munsif of Bogra will shortly be renovated, corrugated iron being substituted for thatch.	No. 68G., dated 18th March, 1893.
PURNEA . . Sadar.	The Court-buildings at Head-quarters are in fairly good order. The Judge's *cutcheri* is a mean-looking structure of ancient date. The room used for holding the sittings of the District and Sessions Court is much too small to be suitable for the purpose. The Subordinate Judge's Court-room (now empty) is larger, but so dark that I should think it must be difficult to work in it. It remains to be seen how the new method of effecting repairs through	No. 142, dated the 15th February, 1893.

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PURNEA—Sadar—*contd.*	the District Board, instead of the Department of Public Works recently introduced under Government orders, will work. There having hitherto been absolutely no accommodation whatever at this *cutcheri* for the shelter of witnesses from the sun and rain, and it coming to my knowledge that during the rainy season, they were apt to be habitually crowded together in the Court verandah, which is very small, I obtained Government sanction to the erection of a suitable shed for their accommodation, which is now in course of preparation. In order to counter-balance the cost of construction and maintenance of this building, I have fixed rents (with the approval of Government) to be paid by the shop-keepers who were hitherto occupying portions of the Government land, in the vicinity of this Court-house, without giving any equivalent for the convenience thus afforded them. I propose to impress on the Munsifs the desirability of adopting a similar practice at the outlying Munsifis in the same circumstances.	
Araria, Katihar and Kishanganj.	There are in the District two brick built Munsifs' Court-houses on the Government standard plan, one at Katihar and the other at Araria. The insufficiency of accommodation in these buildings is complained of by the Munsifs, and the fact has already been brought to notice in previous reports submitted by my predecessors. The thatched building occupied by the Second Court at Araria, and the similar buildings at Kishanganj should be replaced by brick Court-houses as soon as possible: and some modification in the standard plan of Munsif's Court now in vogue, tending to afford more accommodation than at present, seems desirable.	
RAJSHAHI. Sadar, Nator and Naugaon.	The buildings at the Head-quarters are in good condition. The state of the Court-houses of the Munsifs of Nator and Naugaon has been noticed in the Inspection Report (No. $\frac{M}{22}$ of the 8th February, 1893).	No. $\frac{G}{288}$, dated the 20th February, 1893.
Nawabganj.	The Munsif of Nawabganj reports that he cannot accommodate all the officers of his establishment in his Court-house. I have not seen the house yet. I intend to inspect his Court when I go to Malda in March next, and then I will be in a position to give a more detailed account of the nature of the accommodation afforded by the Court-house there.	
Malda	As respects Malda, the two Munsifs hold their Courts in two godowns on the ground-floor of an old silk factory, the upper storey of which is occupied by the Collector's office. The rooms allotted to the Munsifs are not at all suited for the transaction of judicial business. They are low-built, ill-ventilated rooms, as godowns usually are, and the Munsifs are in constant dread of snakes, which are plenty at Malda. The Additional Munsif writes:— "The room in which I hold Court is very low, narrow, and damp. There were several holes in the floor from which cobras appeared on two or three occasions to the great terror of us all. On one occasion, while I was holding Court, a cobra suddenly appeared before us from one of such holes, but was instantly put to death by a bold pleader of this Court, who was at that time conducting a case before me." I have taken steps to have the holes stopped. The Munsifs have no place to lunch. At their request I spoke to the Magistrate to see if he could kindly give them one small room, and he undertook to see if he could spare one, but unfortunately none was available.	

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RANGPUR . . Sadar.	At Head-quarters the Judge and Subordinate Judge with their offices are accommodated in the same building, which has also accommodation for a Third Munsif on the rare occasions when one is deputed here. His Court-room and office are at present occupied by the copying establishment. I have recently been able to give the Subordinate Judge's establishment, which was somewhat over-crowded, an extra room, and am glad to see that Government has taken up the question of a standard form of office desk, which, when generally introduced, will economise space in a marked degree.	No. 236G, dated the 15th February, 1893.
	The First and Second Munsifs occupy separate buildings, which are in good repair and afford ample accommodation.	
Gaibanda.	The First and Second Munsifs, Gaibanda, are located in a Munsifi erected on the old standard plan. The building is in need of some petty repairs, which the District Engineer will be asked to undertake. A *malkhana*, with mat-walls and a corrugated iron roof, has been erected during the year.	
Kurigoan.	At Kurigoan the First and Second Munsifs are now occupying the new Court-house which has accommodation for a Third Munsif. Certain petty repairs, an estimate for which was submitted in May last to the District Engineer, have not yet been taken in hand, and from what I have seen during the short time I have been in charge, I am afraid that the new system under which the Chairman of the District Board allots and directs the expenditure of funds received in lump from Government on the various buildings in the District, will not work smoothly. I shall go into the question, and submit a report, if necessary, at an early date The new building cost, I believe, about Rs. 40,000, which I may mention was nearly met after deducting charges from the year's revenue from Court fee stamps (Rs. 54,908)!	
Nilphamari.	The new triple Munsifi at Nilphamari was occupied in April last. The Munsif reports that the roof, which leaked in several places, was repaired by the District Engineer about the end of the rains.	
Jalpaiguri.	At Jalpiguri the Munsif's Court-house, which is a building with a thatched roof and mat-walls, erected on piles, has been repaired by the District Engineer, the Munsif meanwhile occupying the Additional Subordinate Judge's *cutcheri*. He reports that the Engineer declines to put up a ceiling cloth as there are no funds for the purpose, but as I consider this to be absolutely necessary, I have asked that the omission be supplied.	
	The Additional Subordinate Judge's *cutcheri* at Jalpaiguri is in good order. The Subordinate Judge still complains of the want of a cook-house, but as Government has recently granted him halting allowance, I think it better that he should hire a house in the town as his predecessor did.	
SARAN . Sadar.	The two Court-houses at Head-quarters are in good order. The usual quadrennial repairs are now going on.	No. 106, dated the 16th February, 1893.
Siwan.	The building occupied by the Munsif is in good order.	
Motihari.	The building occupied by the Munsifs is in good order, and the Munsif reports that it has undergone thorough repairs during the year under report.	

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SARAN—*contd.* Gopalganj	This Munsif is occupying the same building he occupied in 1891, *viz.*, the Inspection Bungalow of the District Board, at a monthly rent of Rs. 40. The matter of the permanent location of this Munsifi at Gopalganj is still under the consideration of the Honorable High Court, and should he be permanently located there, a suitable Court-house will have to be erected.	
SHAHABAD.	A shed for the accommodation of witnesses has been erected by the Public Works Department at Head-quarters during the year. A building for the *Nazir* to hold sales in is required: its erection was proposed last year, but has not been sanctioned. Accommodation is also required for the Copying Department. The room in which the Copyists sat was miserably inadequate in size and ventilation, and I was forced to put half the number in a shed belonging to the pleaders, the roof of which was lately blown off in a gale.	No. 130, dated the 20th February, 1893.
Buxar.	At Buxar a *pucca* building for two Munsifs is a desideratum. The Additional Munsif has to hold his Court in a hired godown, and the office accommodation for the permanent Munsif is insufficient.	
TIPPERA. Sadar.	Owing to the transfer of the three Munsifis of Muradnagar and one Munsifi at Ramroygram, the Head quarters, two thatched houses, each accommodating the Courts and Offices of two Munsifis, have been erected near the District Judge's Court at a cost of Rs. 500. These houses were put up as a temporary measure, and a scheme is under contemplation by Government to acquire land near the District Judge's Court on which to build a Munsifi on the standard plan for accommodation of four Munsifs. In other respects the buildings at Head-quarters remain the same as before.	No. 265, dated the 23rd February, 1893.
Kusba.	At Kusba the two Munsifs have taken possession of the *pucca* building for two Munsifs' Courts lately erected by the Department of Public Works, and the old site of the Munsifi has been made over to the Collector.	
Nabinagar.	At Nabinagar the south-west corner of the Court-building was once struck by lightning last year, the damage thereby done was inconsiderable. The flooring of this building has worn out in a very quick time, which shows that the Contractor used sand and other bad materials in lieu of Portland cement.	
Brahmanbaria.	At Brahmanbaria the Third Munsif still has reason to complain of his present accommodation.	
Chandpur.	At Chandpur the thatched house in which the Additional Munsif holds his Court was enlarged and a retiring room for the Munsifs was erected. Both works were paid for by the District Judge out of contingencies.	
Muradnagar and Ramroygram.	The sites of the former Munsifis at Muradnagar and Ramroygram, have been made over to the Collector, the building materials of the Court-houses having been sold locally and the proceeds credited to Government.	
	At the Sadar Station, the Judge's Court pleaders have erected for themselves a small *pucca* building south-west of the District Judge's Court; and have at last vacated the Subordinate Judge's retiring room, which was many years ago made over to them for use as the Bar Library.	

Condition of some of the Civil Court Buildings, Bengal, etc.—continued.

District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
TIRHUT. Sadar.	The Civil Court buildings at the Head-quarters are in good order; but, as was reported in previous years, the want of sufficient space is badly felt. The room in which the Additional Subordinate Judge formerly held his Court was a mere passage, narrow and inconvenient; and I used to have frequent and well-founded complaints as to the want of accommodation for the members of the bar, and more than once I had been asked to transfer important cases from the Subordinate Judge's file on the ground that there was not sufficient room for the pleaders engaged. I was compelled, therefore, to put the Additional Subordinate Judge into the room formerly occupied by the Copying Department, and transfer the Copying Department to the passage above-mentioned, adding to the space so available for the Copyists by enclosing a part of the verandah outside the Court of the senior Subordinate Judge. The arrangement is inconvenient and objectionable, but the best that could be made: it compels the senior Subordinate Judge always to keep closed the two doors of his Court which open on the western verandah, but this is not so bad as it might be, since these two doors must always be closed when the west wind blows, owing to the smell from the latrine which stands outside, far too close to the main building. Even in the space thus allowed, the Copyists are inconveniently crowded, and the present arrangement can only be regarded as temporary. The building used by the Munsifs contains only two Court-rooms, and there is no proper accommodation for the Additional Munsif, when he is stationed here.	No. 121, dated the 14th February, 1893.
Hajipur and Sitamarhi.	The Court buildings in the interior are in a fairly good condition, but certain additions are required in some of them. The Court-house at Hajipur requires the addition of a *malkhana* and a shed for witnesses. In the Court-house at Sitamarhi there is not sufficient accommodation for the ministerial staff and the litigant public. The *Nazarat* and the Copying Department are located in the verandah, which is exposed to wind and weather.	
Somastipur.	At Somastipur, the Courts of the Munsif and of the Sub-Divisional Officer are in the same building. The accommodation for the Munsif's Court is barely sufficient for one man, and much difficulty is felt when the Additional Munsif is deputed there, as has been necessary of late.	
24-PARGANAS. Sadar.	There has been no improvement in the state of the judicial buildings during the last year, and the same inconvenience was felt for want of space as for many years past. The office of the Second Subordinate Judge is held on the landing of the first floor, and one of the verandahs of the ground floor has been enclosed to provide accommodation for the *Nazarat*. The movable properties attached in execution of decrees and the properties of persons dying intestate, are kept in an out-house in the compound. On the deputation of an Additional Subordinate Judge to Alipore, who commenced work on the 1st of February, 1893, some of the Copyists had again to be removed to a thatched shed at a considerable distance from where the head comparing clerk is seated.	No. 238, dated the 24th February, 1893.

Condition of some of the Civil Court Buildings, Bengal, etc.—continued.

District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
24-PARGANAS—Sadar—*contd.*	But the greatest inconvenience is felt in the Record-room, where the state of things has begun to assume an aspect of some seriousness. The rats are becoming more and more close and crowded, and such a large number of bundles are huddled together in the same compartment that much greater time is required to find out a record wanted for the current business, than is ordinarily necessary when the bundles are conveniently arranged. The result is that the business of the Record-room is to a great extent impeded, the preparation of copies is sometimes delayed owing to the delay in the original documents being sent to the Copying Department. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor inspected the Record-room in July 1891, and was of opinion that a new building for the Record room, a proposition for the erection of which has been under discussion since 1882, was very necessary, and he, I understand, sanctioned the erection of a building, but no definite orders have been given for the commencement of the work.	
Barasat.	The office accommodation provided in the double Munsifi at Barasat, which was completed in 1891, is entirely inadequate. The windows and doorings are much too small. The Munsif of that place reports that the Court-house is too small to accommodate the establishment of the two Courts together with the records. Some of the arches of the partition walls have cracked, and some parts of the roof leak. There was a proposal of adding an office room on each side of the building, but it has not yet gone beyond that stage.	
Diamond Harbour	It was pointed out that the accommodation in the Diamond Harbour Munsifi was insufficient, and that at least double the space now available was required. Government accordingly granted administrative sanction for the extension of the Court-house and for the construction of a new corrugated iron building for records, and a plan was prepared in the Executive Engineer's Office. Orders have since been passed for the commencement of the work from 1st April 1893.	
Baruipur and Basirhat.	The Munsif's Court at Baruipur and Basirhat continue to be held in thatched houses.	
Sealdah.	There is no complaint about accommodation in the Sealdah Munsif's Court.	
CHOTA-NAGPUR. Hazaribagh.	The Court-house of the Deputy Commissioner of Hazaribagh is in good order and brick built. It was repaired by the Public Works Department in February last.	No. 440, dated the 4th April, 1893.
Lohardaga.	The Deputy Commissioner of Lohardaga writes :— "As reported last year, one of the *ijlas* rooms used by the Subordinate Magistrates had to be given to the Special Subordinate Judge, and the room where the Income Tax Office was held, had also to be vacated during the year under report for the accommodation of his *amla*. Much inconvenience has resulted from this arrangement, especially at times when the full staff of officers is present. This matter was represented to you with a view to some suitable arrangements being made for accommodating the Special Subordinate Judge and his *amla* in your Court building, but it has apparently been impossible to do anything as yet. If it be impracticable to accommodate the Special Subordinate Judge and his *amla* otherwise than in my Court building, it may be necessary for me to move the Government on the subject."	

Condition of some of the Civil Court Buildings, Bengal, etc.—concluded.

District and Munsifi.	Description and Condition of Court-house.	No. and Date of Report.
CHOTA-NAGPUR—Lohardaga—*contd.*	There is not, at present, room in my office building for the Subordinate Judge and his *amla*. As the staff increases, some special arrangements will be necessary.	
Manbhum.	The Deputy Commissioner of Manbhum writes:— "No addition to office accommodation has yet been made, though the matter has been under correspondence for some time past. At present much inconvenience is felt as two of the Deputy Magistrates have to hold their Courts in the Circuit-house"	
Singhbhum.	The Court-house of the Deputy Commissioner of Singhbhum is in good order.	

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A.

Original Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Courts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Burdwan	Burdwan	Reg.	12,874	14,026	13,360	15,047	2,962	2,362
	Bankura	Reg.	8,773	9,234	8,646	9,331	1,904	1,933
	Birbhum	Reg.	6,499	7,428	6,359	7,772	1,561	1,349
	Midnapore	Reg.	23,496	26,843	24,162	27,290	3,339	3,428
		S. C. C.	839	...	893	...	25	...
	Hooghly	Reg.	18,319	18,277	19,387	20,024	4,492	3,530
		S. C. C.	5,718	6,223	5,337	6,383	1,070	1,053
		Total	76,517	82,031	78,144	85,856	15,353	13,650
Presidency	24-Parganas	Reg.	27,818	29,245	29,282	31,099	5,139	4,384
		S. C. C.	5,772	5,862	6,457	5,851	367	550
	Nadia	Reg.	8,087	19,712	8,521	20,249	1,823	1,574
		S. C. C.	8,945		8,331	...		...
	Jessore	Reg.	30,971	41,074	33,402	43,480	5,048	4,066
		S. C. C.	8,150	...	8,220	...	...	...
	Murshidabad	Reg.	11,917	16,031	11,911	16,035	1,545	1,708
		S. C. C.	795	...	800	...	47	...
		Total	102,455	111,044	107,014	116,714	13,909	12,282
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	Reg.	9,447	11,394	9,470	11,687	1,334	1,238
		S. C. C.	1,170	1,138	1,192	1,203	139	86
	Rajshahi	Reg.	9,589	11,900	9,889	11,869	1,453	1,705
		S. C. C.	560	...	596	...	53	...
	Rangpur	Reg.	16,956	21,475	17,129	22,119	2,509	2,354
	Pabna and Bogra	Reg.	11,612	15,021	11,323	15,458	2,234	3,095
		S. C. C.	846	...	836	.	146	...
		Total	50,180	61,828	50,435	62,336	7,868	8,478
Dacca	Dacca	Reg.	25,610	31,799	25,105	32,327	6,074	6,024
		S. C. C.	5,291	3,516	5,314	3,436	373	499
	Faridpur	Reg.	23,769	27,717	23,058	29,044	4,068	4,036
		S. C. C.	937	.	1,086	...	79	...
	Backergunge	Reg.	27,791	30,842	28,544	32,263	4,335	4,425
		S. C. C.	1,151	.	1,283	...	40	
	Mymensingh	Reg.	29,004	32,816	29,264	34,343	7,321	6,530
	Tippera	Reg.	25,655	26,564	25,618	28,349	6,768	5,278
		Total	139,208	153,254	139,272	159,762	29,958	26,792
Chittagong	Chittagong	Reg.	15,383	17,173	16,300	18,322	3,842	3,251
	Noakhali	Reg.	14,986	16,334	15,107	16,487	2,368	2,463
		Total	30,969	33,507	31,407	34,809	6,210	5,714
Patna	Patna	Reg.	4,171	4,641	4,295	4,765	1,505	1,614
		S. C. C.	509	58	532	55	40	8
	Gaya	Reg.	2,116	2,107	2,284	2,368	834	667
	Shahabad	Reg.	7,479	7,088	7,339	7,401	1,941	1,884
	Tirhut	Reg.	10,025	10,929	11,264	11,040	2,210	2,306
	Saran	Reg.	9,927	10,898	10,131	11,334	2,278	2,105
		Total	34,277	35,671	35,845	36,963	8,808	8,584
Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	Reg.	13,270	17,310	12,122	18,655	3,823	2,923
		S. C. C.	1,217	615	1,111	678	234	...
	Purnea	Reg.	10,535	12,000	10,843	12,323	1,580	1,544
		Total	25,022	29,925	24,076	31,656	5,646	4,467
Orissa	Cuttack	Reg.	12,441	12,135	12,805	12,347	1,489	1,532
		S. C. C.	539	...	580	....	34	...
		Total	12,980	12,135	13,385	12,347	1,523	1,532
Chota-Nagpur	Chota-Nagpur	Reg.	5,792	5,654	5,635	5,991	1,457	1,308
	Total	Reg.	434,961	508,517	442,645	528,828	88,145	80,611
		S. C. C.	42,439	17,432	42,568	17,606	2,647	2,196
	Grand Total	...	477,400	525,949	485,213	546,434	90,792	82,807

A 1.

Original Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in each of the Courts of Small Causes in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions	Districts	Instituted		Disposed of		Pending	
		1891.	1892.	1891	1892	1891	1892
Burdwan	Midnapore	839	...	893	...	25	...
	Hooghly	970	1,059	895	1,092	236	220
	Serampore	2,108	2,493	1,918	2,542	463	473
	Howrah	2,640	2,671	2,524	2,749	371	360
Presidency	Sealdah	5,628	5,696	6,287	5,662	363	549
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	47	57	65	56	2	1
	Barrackpore Cantonment	97	129	105	133	2	
	Krishnagar	1,926	...	1,861	...		...
	Ranaghat	1,264	...	1,237	...	...	...
	Meherpur	1,395	...	1,347	...	...	...
	Kushtia	2,903	...	2,577	...		...
	Chuadanga	1,457	...	1,309	...	...	...
	Jessore	2,426	...	2,438	...	...	...
	Magura	1,679	...	1,674	...	...	...
	Jhenidah	1,376	.	1,301	...	...	...
	Narail	1,996	...	2,139	...	...	
	Bangaon	673	...	668	...	...	...
Rajshahi	Berhampore	795	...	800	...	47	...
	Boalia	560	...	596	..	53	...
	Pabna	846	...	836	..	146	...
	Darjeeling	964	969	995	1,030	139	68
	Kurseong	206	169	197	173	...	18
Dacca	Dacca	2,973	855	3,018	917	123	85
	Munshiganj	2,318	2,661	2,296	2,519	250	414
	Faridpur	937	...	1,086	..	79	...
	Backergunge	1,151	...	1,283	...	40	...
Patna	Patna	444		467		35	
	Dinapore Cantonment	65	58	65	55	5	8
Bhagalpur	Monghyr	609	615	545	678	115	...
	Bhagalpur	608	...	566	..	119	...
Orissa	Cuttack	539	...	580	..	34	...
	Total	42,439	17,432	42,568	17,606	2,647	2,196

B.

Suits and Appeals pending more than one year at the close of 1891 and 1892.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	1891.		1892.	
		Suits.	Appeals.	Suits.	Appeals.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	49	8	6	6
	Bankura	11	60	4	131
	Birbhum	134	2	2	...
	Midnapore	2	...	...	1
	Hooghly	126	3	16	29
PRESIDENCY	24-Parganas	183	6	101	8
	Nadia	11	1	12	4
	Jessore	64	42	13	2
	Murshidabad	...	...	...	...
RAJSHAHI	Dinajpur	3	...	1	1
	Rajshahi	12	6	37	1
	Rangpur	9	...	2	...
	Pabna and Bogra	40	241	18	25
DACCA	Dacca	95	58	56	6
	Faridpur	97	7	69	2
	Backergunge	23	...	8	29
	Mymensingh	183	3	103	19
	Tippera	380	217	190	171
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	7	...	1	...
	Noakhali	2	1	3	...
PATNA	Patna	14	...	18	5
	Gaya	35	...	59	1
	Shahabad	6	2	4	2
	Tirhut	94	385	88	534
	Saran	46	59	50	52
BHAGALPUR	Bhagalpur	49	18	63	6
	Purnea	...	...	1	...
ORISSA	Cuttack	10	2	2	...
CHOTA-NAGPUR	Chota-Nagpur	161	395	97	304
	TOTAL	1,846	1,516	1,024	1,339

C.

Number and Value of Suits instituted in Civil Courts, 1888—1892.

DISTRICTS.	Courts.	Value in 1888.	Number in 1888.	Number in 1889.	Number in 1890.	Number in 1891.	Number in 1892.	Value in 1892.
		R						R
Backergunge	Reg.	19,48,649	27,262	28,601	27,819	27,791	30,842	23,22,965
	S. C. C.	1,34,804	1,136	1,117	1,116	1,151	...	...
Bankura	Reg.	6,11,530	8,267	8,619	8,887	8,772	9,234	8,06,932
Birbhum	Reg.	7,53,334	6,365	6,711	6,865	6,499	7,428	6,24,293
Bhagalpur	Reg.	1,55,49,231	12,231	13,477	13,522	13,270	17,810	29,02,185
	S. C. C.	2,09,561	2,172	1,852	1,296	1,217	615	82,420
Burdwan	Reg.	23,08,306	12,927	13,130	12,647	12,874	14,026	14,05,029
Chittagong	Reg.	9,19,793	15,307	15,158	15,718	15,983	17,173	10,70,946
Cuttack	Reg.	9,88,576	11,134	10,913	12,432	12,441	12,135	13,08,506
	S. C. C.	77,733	623	620	657	539	...	...
Dacca	Reg.	25,05,786	23,775	22,695	22,077	25,610	21,799	22,21,558
	S. C. C.	4,66,965	5,409	4,882	4,773	5,291	3,516	4,32,202
Dinajpur	Reg.	7,12,16	8,575	9,003	8,627	9,447	11,894	8,89,340
	S. C. C.	44,241	895	1,066	878	1,170	1,138	63,298
Faridpur	Reg.	10,13,192	17,694	18,068	19,535	23,769	27,717	15,92,629
	S. C. C.	37,289	753	732	749	937	...	...
Gaya	Reg.	12,80,086	2,291	2,316	2,235	2,116	2,107	18,77,411
Hooghly	Reg.	17,83,325	18,057	19,448	19,212	18,319	18,277	21,31,784
	S. C. C.	2,86,682	5,968	6,745	6,637	5,718	6,223	3,17,507
Jessore	Reg.	18,70,430	28,486	29,828	29,772	30,971	41,074	26,96,830
	S. C. C.	5,34,113	9,472	8,663	8,523	8,150	...	..
Midnapore	Reg.	17,22,054	20,237	22,[illegible]05	23,987	23,496	26,843	21,19,193
	S. C. C.	74,514	635	818	806	839	...	...
Murshidabad	Reg.	9,85,935	11,762	11,153	10,410	11,917	16,031	17,55,836
	S. C. C.	34,814	688	570	669	795	...	...
Mymensingh	Reg.	23,57,564	28,752	28,343	28,390	29,004	32,816	32,04,933
Noakhali	Reg.	7,71,404	14,240	15,081	13,912	14,986	16,334	9,07,547
Nadia	Reg.	7,06,218	5,520	5,968	6,623	8,087	19,712	14,28,384
	S. C. C.	3,86,829	8,379	8,681	8,954	8,945	...	..
Patna	Reg.	39,16,165	4,515	4,200	3,739	4,171	4,641	25,76,291
	S. C. C.	62,572	442	610	596	509	58	2,612
Pabna and Bogra	Reg.	10,96,645	9,690	7,978	8,841	11,613	15,921	15,61,768
	S. C. C.	1,12,982	1,828	1,428	1,155	846	...	.
Purnea	Reg.	12,01,744	11,777	9,620	10,185	10,535	12,000	14,10,600
Rajshahi	Reg.	7,23,266	9,181	8,845	8,530	9,569	11,900	11,15,766
	S. C. C.	27,789	564	616	598	560	...	..
Rangpur	Reg.	15,48,158	15,796	17,329	14,988	16,956	21,475	15,78,252
Saran	Reg.	52,31,452	8,025	8,458	8,697	9,977	10,598	19,67,150
Shahabad	Reg.	12,45,456	7,478	8,119	7,265	7,479	7,038	14,14,897
Tippera	Reg.	16,81,559	27,416	25,601	23,733	25,655	26,561	15,25,819
Tirhut	Reg.	43,20,043	9,628	10,376	10,688	10,025	10,929	45,26,987
24-Parganas	Reg.	56,98,014	25,262	25,177	28,018	27,818	29,245	45,88,545
	S. C. C.	3,44,868	6,274	6,587	6,297	5,772	5,882	4,22,087
Chota-Nagpur	Reg.	10,67,916	5,086	5,419	5,365	5,792	5,64[illegible]	13,15,476
TOTAL	Reg.	6,05,19,847	407,345	412,039	412,669	434,961	5,08,517	5,48,10,347
	S. C. C.	28,02,039	45,188	44,982	43,794	42,439	17,432	18,20,216

D.

Number of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	1891. In suits for money or movables.	1891. Suits under the Rent Law.	1891. Title and other suits.	1892. In suits for money or movables.	1892. Suits under the Rent Law.	1892. Title and other suits.
Backergunge	R.	10,012	16,768	1,011	10,982	18,897	963
	S. C.	1,151	...	...	...	...	...
Bankura	R.	2,763	4,802	1,117	3,137	5,106	901
Birbhum	R.	2,326	3,158	1,015	2,787	3,617	1,024
Bhagalpur	R.	6,916	5,818	536	8,416	8,302	592
	S. C.	1,217	...	...	615	...	...
Burdwan	R.	5,346	6,078	1,450	5,911	6,534	1,581
Chittagong	R.	4,612	8,027	3,344	4,713	9,158	3,302
Cuttack	R.	11,756	...	685	11,265	...	870
	S. C.	539	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	R.	18,977	4,637	1,996	24,596	5,209	1,994
	S. C.	5,291	...	...	3,516	...	...
Dinajpur	R.	5,022	3,934	491	5,763	5,160	471
	S. C.	1,170	...	...	1,138	...	...
Faridpur	R.	14,169	8,555	1,045	17,629	8,900	1,188
	S. C.	937	...	...	...	...	...
Gaya	R.	1,179	569	368	1,043	776	288
Hooghly	R.	5,628	10,408	2,283	5,804	10,100	2,373
	S. C.	5,718	...	...	6,228	...	...
Jessore	R.	7,390	21,685	1,896	16,596	22,375	2,105
	S. C.	8,150	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	R.	10,513	11,090	1,893	12,626	12,223	1,994
	S. C.	839	...	...	...	...	...
Murshidabad	R.	6,387	4,617	913	9,245	5,946	840
	S. C.	795	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	R.	19,389	6,591	3,024	23,005	6,926	2,885
Noakhali	R.	4,641	8,780	1,565	4,912	9,446	1,976
Nadia	R.	2,139	5,228	720	13,601	5,416	695
	S. C.	8,945	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	R.	1,821	1,828	522	2,136	1,926	579
	S. C.	509	...	...	58	...	...
Pabna and Bogra	R.	7,855	2,878	879	11,355	3,728	838
	S. C.	846	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea	R.	4,882	5,151	502	4,871	6,671	458
Rajshahi	R.	5,792	3,321	476	8,136	3,311	453
	S. C.	560	...	...	...	...	...
Rangpur	R.	9,927	6,337	692	12,023	8,758	694
Saran	R.	4,235	4,987	805	4,796	5,290	812
Shahabad	R.	1,756	4,723	1,000	1,941	4,005	1,092
Tippera	R.	11,653	11,402	2,600	12,504	11,116	2,944
Tirhut	R.	4,000	5,173	853	4,874	5,174	881
24-Parganas	R.	12,250	13,401	2,167	12,744	14,437	2,064
	S. C.	5,772	...	...	5,883	...	...
Chota-Nagpur	R.	4,703	...	1,089	4,599	...	1,055
TOTAL	R.	208,039	189,986	36,936	262,010	208,505	38,002
	S. C.	42,439	...	...	17,432	...	...

E.

Value of Suits of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	1891. Suits for money or movables.	1891. Suits under the Rent Law.	1891. Title and other suits.	1892. Suits for money or movables.	1892. Suits under the Rent Law.	1892. Title and other suits.
		R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	R.	7,68,491	8,61,332	2,38,699	10,53,526	9,77,767	1,91,672
	S. C.	1,37,142	...	...	...	...	...
Bankura	.....	4,47,886	1,76,554	1,93,445	4,68,516	2,19,106	1,19,810
Birbhum	.....	2,00,895	1,54,131	1,07,911	2,47,278	1,89,778	1,86,737
Bhagalpur	R.	14,00,618	4,54,418	66,93,940	15,92,656	6,34,766	6,74,768
	S. C.	1,48,893	...	...	82,420	...	...
Burdwan	.....	6,60,932	3,01,992	4,12,184	7,45,095	3,26,801	3,33,133
Chittagong	.....	4,38,836	2,81,880	2,44,886	5,27,138	3,14,069	2,29,739
Cuttack	R.	7,97,352	...	1,78,481	11,04,882	...	2,64,124
	S. C.	67,625	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	R.	20,29,727	1,46,409	5,22,057	15,56,675	1,43,286	5,21,647
	S. C.	4,45,942	...	...	4,32,202	...	...
Dinajpur	R.	4,18,381	1,82,414	4,39,964	5,29,385	2,33,133	1,26,822
	S. C.	57,041	...	...	63,298	...	...
Faridpur	R.	8,97,737	3,25,215	1,18,731	10,94,545	3,40,077	1,58,007
	S. C.	4,06,114	...	...	...	...	...
Gaya	.....	6,92,721	2,82,787	6,86,221	4,78,563	5,18,018	8,80,880
Hooghly	R.	7,10,534	5,01,445	6,65,175	7,38,223	5,09,811	8,83,750
	S. C.	2,74,094	...	...	3,17,597	...	...
Jessore	R.	7,34,605	9,45,225	3,20,204	11,99,066	9,76,624	5,19,740
	S. C.	4,26,876	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	R.	8,47,728	4,15,551	4,51,588	10,05,756	4,56,803	6,56,634
	S. C.	85,645	...	...	...	...	...
Murshidabad	R.	3,96,182	1,75,927	14,13,429	7,87,681	2,63,344	7,04,811
	S. C.	38,986	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	.....	15,73,556	3,79,268	4,86,644	17,83,496	3,91,312	10,80,125
Noakhali	.....	3,64,691	4,20,825	1,43,147	3,53,662	3,95,642	1,58,243
Nadia	R.	3,38,318	2,82,340	3,45,750	8,72,360	3,24,435	2,31,589
	S. C.	4,47,248	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	R.	10,79,571	2,18,071	22,94,180	11,46,415	2,91,587	12,28,289
	S. C.	82,941	...	...	2,612	...	...
Pabna and Bogra	R.	6,83,419	1,81,235	5,57,174	9,74,255	2,20,187	3,70,321
	S. C.	91,407	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea	.....	5,02,731	3,52,864	51,603	5,39,998	5,70,323	3,00,279
Rajshahi	R.	5,95,046	1,50,019	1,59,590	7,04,068	1,50,784	2,00,914
	S. C.	28,806	...	...	...	...	...
Rangpur	.....	9,91,885	3,01,995	2,33,636	10,56,997	3,72,067	1,49,188
Saran	.....	10,62,737	2,43,476	46,01,515	10,73,436	2,54,958	6,38,757
Shahabad	.....	4,83,628	3,32,030	5,82,296	5,22,594	4,05,905	4,86,896
Tippera	.....	9,61,849	4,38,538	1,72,491	8,83,454	4,08,113	2,34,252
Tirhut	.....	14,23,075	4,86,442	8,54,231	17,33,223	4,68,729	22,25,035
24-Parganas	R.	16,26,876	6,85,914	28,41,154	12,91,433	8,33,675	24,63,437
	S. C.	3,92,469	...	...	4,22,087	...	...
Chota-Nagpur	.....	6,03,040	...	4,44,293	7,94,381	...	5,21,095
TOTAL	R.	2,37,83,026	96,28,297	2,64,53,572	2,68,59,656	1,14,01,050	1,67,40,64[illegible]
	S. C.	27,66,329	...	...	13,20,216	...	...

F.

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by the Civil Courts in 1892.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided *ex-parte*.	Contested (both parties present).	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	R.	6,346	5,317	3,384	15,047
	Bankura	R.	4,779	2,835	1,717	9,331
	Birbhum	R.	3,265	2,455	2,052	7,772
	Midnapore	R.	13,844	8,950	4,505	27,299
	Hooghly	R.	8,265	7,579	4,180	20,024
		S. C.	2,805	2,285	1,293	6,383
PRESIDENCY	24-Parganas	R.	10,250	14,749	6,100	31,099
		S. C.	2,296	2,119	1,436	5,851
	Nadia	R.	8,844	7,466	3,939	20,249
	Jessore	R.	15,121	19,445	8,914	43,480
	Murshidabad	R.	6,826	6,128	3,081	16,035
RAJSHAHI	Dinajpur	R.	3,758	6,068	1,861	11,687
		S. C.	478	643	82	1,203
	Rajshahi	R.	4,643	5,593	1,633	11,669
	Rangpur	R.	6,777	11,382	3,960	22,119
	Pabna and Bogra	R.	4,612	7,839	3,007	15,458
	Dacca	R.	9,827	17,178	5,322	32,327
		S. C.	714	2,268	454	3,436
DACCA	Faridpur	R.	8,398	15,788	4,858	29,044
	Backergunge	R.	9,286	16,814	6,163	32,263
	Mymensingh	R.	9,372	18,295	6,676	34,343
	Tippera	R.	9,570	12,094	6,685	28,349
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	R.	7,056	5,704	5,562	18,322
	Noakhali	R.	5,961	5,992	4,534	16,487
PATNA	Patna	R.	1,948	1,388	1,429	4,765
		S. C.	40	3	12	55
	Gaya	R.	883	552	933	2,368
	Shahabad	R.	2,929	1,944	2,528	7,401
	Tirhut	R.	3,926	3,840	3,274	11,040
	Saran	R.	5,035	3,995	2,304	11,334
BHAGALPUR	Bhagalpur	R.	7,173	7,371	4,111	18,655
		S. C.	295	239	144	678
	Purnea	R	4,246	5,245	2,832	12,323
ORISSA	Cuttack	R.	7,192	3,359	1,796	12,347
CHOTA-NAGPUR	Chota-Nagpur	R.	2,869	1,501	1,621	5,991
	TOTAL	R.	193,001	226,886	108,961	528,828
		S. C.	6,628	7,557	3,421	17,606

F 1.

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by the Courts of Small Causes separately during 1892.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc	Decided *ex-parte*	Contested (both parties present)	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Hooghly	519	394	179	1,092
	Serampore	1,175	957	410	2,542
	Howrah	1,111	934	704	2,749
PRESIDENCY	Sealdah	2,230	2,059	1,373	5,662
	Dum-Dum Cantonment	20	22	14	56
	Barrackpore Cantonment	46	38	49	133
RAJSHAHI	Darjeeling	413	550	67	1,030
	Kurseong	65	93	15	173
DACCA	Dacca	192	548	177	917
	Munshiganj	522	1,720	277	2,519
PATNA	Dinapore Cantonment	40	3	12	55
BHAGALPUR	Monghyr	295	239	144	678
	TOTAL	6,628	7,557	3,421	17,606

F 2.

Manner of disposal of Original Suits by Courts of Officers vested with Small Cause Court powers during 1892.

DIVISIONS	DISTRICTS	Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc	Decided *ex-parte*	Contested (both parties present)	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	1,566	1,111	413	3,090
	Bankura	326	167	52	545
	Birbhum	810	387	259	1,456
	Midnapore	5,060	2,089	951	8,100
	Hooghly	1,212	723	319	2,254
PRESIDENCY	24-Parganas	3,443	2,794	986	7,223
	Nadia	5,587	3,828	1,661	11,076
	Jessore	5,608	5,968	1,869	13,445
	Murshidabad	3,384	2,307	1,005	6,696
RAJSHAHI	Dinajpur	693	944	247	1,884
	Rajshahi	2,172	2,153	491	4,816
	Rangpur	2,896	3,963	842	7,701
	Pabna and Bogra	2,725	4,710	1,097	8,532
DACCA	Dacca	6,467	12,718	1,929	21,114
	Faridpur	4,169	8,383	1,444	13,996
	Backergunge	2,752	4,103	1,132	7,987
	Mymensingh	3,719	8,324	1,535	13,578
	Tippera	2,911	4,719	944	8,574
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	470	520	148	1,138
	Noakhali	1,142	1,132	430	2,704
PATNA	Patna	609	528	230	1,367
	Gaya	203	119	106	428
	Shahabad	452	301	218	971
	Tirhut	944	645	331	1,920
	Saran	1,276	716	355	2,347
BHAGALPUR	Bhagalpur	3,128	2,078	1,000	6,206
	Purnea	1,289	1,179	279	2,747
ORISSA	Cuttack	4,915	2,074	1,019	8,008
CHOTA-NAGPUR	Chota-Nagpur	363	165	200	728
	TOTAL	70,291	78,848	21,492	170,631

G.

Applications for an Order to set aside an ex-parte *judgment or a judgment on default, 1892.*

DISTRICTS.	MUNSIFS.						SUBORDINATE JUDGES.						SMALL CAUSE COURT JUDGES.						DISTRICT JUDGES.					
	PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.			PREFERRED.			DISPOSED OF.		
	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.	To set aside *ex-parte* judgment.	To set aside judgment on default.	Total.	Applications granted.	Applications rejected.	Total.
Backergunge	1,412	770	2,182	1,408	784	2,192	45	20	65	42	27	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	12	14	7	4	11
Bankura	178	77	255	104	140	244	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Birbhum	105	132	237	127	72	199	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
Bhagalpur	225	152	377	184	190	374	20	39	59	28	25	53	5	7	12	8	4	12	2	2	4	...	4	4
Burdwan	373	193	566	369	249	618	11	4	15	6	13	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	...	2
Chittagong	359	366	725	426	259	685	2	4	6	5	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	146	164	310	192	138	330	20	37	57	33	24	57	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	7	...	9	9
Dacca	160	378	538	393	167	560	8	5	13	6	5	11	18	34	52	36	7	43	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinajpur	140	126	266	166	88	254	5	21	26	15	10	25	2	18	20	15	4	19	...	1	1	1	...	1
Faridpur	276	244	520	265	253	518	7	1	8	2	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	6	...	3	3
Gaya	58	49	107	46	57	103	55	37	92	33	61	94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	...	3
Hooghly	775	567	1,342	719	734	1,453	10	3	13	6	9	15	129	140	269	143	117	260	...	13	13	7	5	12
Jessore	1,284	736	2,020	1,295	661	1,956	59	69	128	68	56	124	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5	1	4	5
Midnapore	421	297	718	425	313	738	23	9	32	16	14	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Murshidabad	83	71	154	95	53	148	14	6	20	9	10	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	362	574	936	663	265	928	7	...	7	5	6	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1
Noakhali	201	133	334	218	113	331	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nadia	212	206	418	250	153	403	15	12	27	21	7	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	3	1	4
Patna	152	106	258	153	116	269	30	16	46	20	29	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pabna and Bogra	172	99	271	204	71	275	15	11	26	16	15	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	3	1	4
Purnea	209	199	408	216	144	360	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	2	2
Rajshahi	138	118	256	139	113	252	14	23	37	21	13	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	1	4	5
Rangpur	273	265	538	357	216	573	18	46	64	41	25	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saran	192	148	340	207	154	361	24	18	42	28	11	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	49	38	10	48
Shahabad	129	183	312	207	131	338	16	22	38	28	13	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9	4	4	8
Tippera	213	192	405	270	157	427	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhut	188	64	252	135	156	291	50	20	70	14	34	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	12	8	4	12
24-Parganas	1,114	596	1,710	1,047	628	1,675	31	10	41	19	25	44	80	105	185	146	50	196	7	12	19	13	7	20
Chota Nagpur	86	139	225	135	91	226	14	10	24	13	10	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	9,636	7,344	16,980	10,415	6,666	17,081	514	443	957	495	449	944	234	304	538	348	182	530	77	86	163	94	62	156

H.

Result of Proceedings in Execution of Decrees in the Civil Courts, 1892.

DISTRICTS.	COURTS.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ON WHICH REALISATIONS WERE MADE				AMOUNT REALISED		
		In full satisfaction of decree.	In part satisfaction of decree.	With process.	Without process.	With process.	Without process.	TOTAL.
						R	R	R
Backergunge	Reg.	6,185	6,466	12,015	636	7,32,397	41,951	7,74,348
Bankura	Reg.	2,814	1,296	3,846	264	2,53,337	16,083	2,69,420
Birbhum	Reg.	2,608	868	2,945	531	3,59,892	41,271	4,01,163
Bhagalpur	Reg.	4,146	2,234	5,660	720	11,36,465	1,57,141	12,93,606
	S. C. C.	131	43	118	56	12,600	6,135	18,735
Burdwan	Reg.	4,079	1,895	5,487	487	5,36,530	22,866	5,59,396
Chittagong	Reg.	5,051	3,099	5,880	2,270	3,16,881	1,18,095	4,34,976
Cuttack	Reg.	1,575	1,713	2,628	660	3,10,123	46,034	3,56,157
Dacca	Reg.	3,575	4,168	6,389	1,354	4,80,477	77,028	5,57,505
	S. C. C.	300	1,267	1,528	39	38,604	2,791	41,395
Dinajpur	Reg.	1,777	1,166	2,431	512	1,39,195	27,630	1,66,825
	S. C. C.	221	88	305	4	13,709	1,713	15,422
Faridpur	Reg.	3,856	4,060	7,541	375	4,07,036	24,448	4,31,484
Gaya	Reg.	783	440	1,004	219	3,56,037	47,675	4,03,712
Hooghly	Reg.	4,827	3,097	7,425	499	6,81,055	51,391	7,32,446
	S. C. C.	578	487	1,010	55	31,260	4,304	35,564
Jessore	Reg.	7,979	9,056	16,150	885	9,69,190	52,966	10,22,156
Midnapore	Reg.	6,128	4,027	8,314	1,841	5,46,711	1,81,743	7,28,454
Murshidabad	Reg.	2,620	1,687	3,836	471	3,83,263	23,295	4,06,558
Mymensingh	Reg.	5,990	5,172	9,537	1,625	6,72,443	1,15,837	7,88,280
Noakhali	Reg.	4,374	2,578	6,229	723	3,23,997	39,611	3,63,608
Nadia	Reg.	3,385	4,792	7,143	1,034	3,83,000	49,284	4,32,284
Patna	Reg.	1,733	698	2,080	351	7,87,224	91,061	8,78,285
	S. C. C.	12	16	12	16	500	...	500
Pabna and Bogra	Reg.	2,865	3,017	5,739	143	3,94,712	22,675	4,17,387
Purnea	Reg.	2,441	1,298	3,549	190	4,05,167	27,977	4,33,144
Rajshahi	Reg.	1,673	1,465	2,905	233	4,02,267	18,958	4,21,225
Rangpur	Reg.	3,426	2,439	5,777	88	4,00,062	5,952	4,06,014
Saran	Reg.	3,396	1,420	4,071	745	6,58,203	52,239	7,10,442
Shahabad	Reg.	3,285	1,173	3,722	736	6,34,926	60,291	6,95,217
Tippera	Reg.	4,951	3,442	7,019	1,374	9,64,982	89,804	10,54,786
Tirhut	Reg.	4,319	1,722	5,591	450	10,95,252	1,90,012	12,85,264
24-Parganas	Reg.	7,356	4,770	11,223	903	12,97,207	47,417	13,44,624
	S. C. C.	550	626	1,139	37	35,465	2,085	37,550
Chota-Nagpur	Reg.	1,254	1,013	2,102	75	2,88,608	7,152	2,95,760
TOTAL	Reg.	108,451	80,271	168,328	20,394	1,63,16,639	17,47,887	1,80,64,526
	S. C. C.	1,792	2,527	4,112	207	1,32,138	17,028	1,49,166

I.

Original Miscellaneous (Judicial) Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Courts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
			1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Burdwan	Burdwan	Reg.	2,154	1,940	2,196	2,123	487	342
	Bankura	Reg.	957	869	996	873	92	94
	Birbhum	Reg.	676	770	697	782	158	149
	Midnapore	Reg.	3,247	3,369	3,325	3,304	501	594
		S. C. C.	76	...	81	...	...	...
	Hooghly	Reg.	4,062	3,808	4,036	4,192	1,077	758
		S. C. C.	306	389	254	387	94	10
Presidency	24-Parganas	Reg.	4,163	4,551	3,973	4,658	1,006	969
		S. C. C.	540	455	580	467	43	31
	Nadia	Reg.	1,065	1,643	1,047	1,656	145	146
		S. C. C.	401	...	395	...	...	...
	Jessore	Reg.	3,721	4,527	3,907	4,488	608	740
		S. C. C.	430	...	397	...	...	...
	Murshidabad	Reg.	807	901	802	919	104	87
		S. C. C.	10	...	11	...	...	...
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	Reg.	596	796	612	760	111	152
		S. C. C.	35	46	39	46	2	2
	Rajshahi	Reg.	826	952	906	933	138	166
		S. C. C.	40	...	44	...	...	...
	Rangpur	Reg.	1,327	1,527	1,371	1,576	216	181
	Pabna and Bogra	Reg.	953	986	938	973	99	115
		S. C. C.	48	...	56	...	...	...
Dacca	Dacca	Reg.	2,022	2,240	2,025	2,309	331	278
		S. C. C.	157	102	143	107	18	15
	Faridpur	Reg.	1,413	1,521	1,377	1,525	243	245
		S. C. C.	22	...	22	...	...	...
	Backergunge	Reg.	3,319	3,525	3,070	3,685	892	782
		S. C. C.	143	...	144	...	...	...
	Mymensingh	Reg.	2,245	2,496	2,104	2,617	554	454
	Tippera	Reg.	2,112	2,159	2,111	2,094	342	414
Chittagong	Chittagong	Reg.	1,911	1,847	1,990	1,817	295	337
	Noakhali	Reg.	1,085	1,077	1,126	1,063	117	137
Patna	Patna	Reg.	1,402	1,248	1,516	1,268	279	280
		S. C. C.	59	1	60	1	...	...
	Gaya	Reg.	982	749	1,044	757	133	133
	Shahabad	Reg.	1,533	1,373	1,495	1,464	260	180
	Tirhut	Reg.	1,743	1,916	1,724	2,030	342	239
	Saran	Reg.	2,088	1,912	2,080	2,139	487	297
Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	Reg.	1,949	2,000	1,942	1,941	335	418
		S. C. C.	106	40	103	42	4	...
	Purnea	Reg.	1,139	1,268	1,177	1,215	147	208
Orissa	Cuttack	Reg.	1,144	1,145	1,152	1,169	156	142
		S. C. C.	44	...	45	...	...	...
Chota-Nagpur	Chota-Nagpur	Reg.	1,078	1,220	1,033	1,311	191	215
	Total	Reg.	51,719	54,335	51,772	55,641	9,846	9,252
		S. C. C.	2,417	1,033	2,374	1,050	161	150

I 1.

Original Miscellaneous (Non-Judicial) Cases instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1891.	1892	1891.	1892	1891.	1892.
Burdwan	Burdwan	916	722	1,041	739	111	94
	Bankura	561	518	595	509	28	37
	Birbhum	262	256	260	268	39	27
	Midnapore	1,839	1,794	1,938	1,964	378	208
	Hooghly	1,682	1,747	1,637	1,936	397	208
Presidency	24-Parganas	886	832	895	826	65	71
	Nadia	396	391	434	375	13	29
	Jessore	1,339	1,678	1,327	1,667	203	214
	Murshidabad	758	588	966	599	60	49
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	1,058	1,250	1,036	1,254	303	299
	Rajshahi	1,093	988	1,206	964	181	205
	Rangpur	1,134	986	1,470	933	225	278
	Pabna and Bogra	371	279	357	315	69	33
Dacca	Dacca	233	310	230	327	43	26
	Faridpur	384	311	363	354	57	14
	Backergunge	1,238	1,107	1,317	1,186	202	123
	Mymensingh	404	402	352	435	81	48
	Tippera	830	548	884	549	58	57
Chittagong	Chittagong	468	475	486	481	38	32
	Noakhali	800	448	872	440	39	47
Patna	Patna	997	1,344	978	1,287	81	138
	Gaya	268	163	250	199	62	26
	Shahabad	1,628	1,122	1,747	1,361	294	55
	Tirhut	2,144	2,242	3,216	1,985	345	602
	Sarun	1,909	2,413	2,312	2,304	136	245
Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	4,250	3,136	4,487	3,106	584	614
	Purnea	2,025	2,041	1,737	2,117	794	708
	Cuttack	...	...	..	....	.	...
Chota-Nagpur	Chota-Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	29,873	28,091	32,393	28,480	4,886	4,487

Appendix to I 1.

Statement showing the Number of Applications made under the Bengal Tenancy Act, 1885, for deposit of rent, service of notice of surrender of holdings, and for assistance to distrain, etc.

DISTRICTS.	Applications for the deposit of rent.		Applications for the service of notice of surrender of holdings.		Applications for assistance to distrain.		Applications for the service of notice of execution by non-occupancy *raiyats* of agreement to pay enhanced rent.		Applications for the service of notice of transfer of occupancy holdings.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Backergunge	888	799	98	92	234	209	18	7	...	...
Bankura	455	418	103	98	3	2	...	...	...	...
Birbhum	78	143	166	108	16	3	...	1	2	1
Bhagalpur	3,791	2,755	302	140	155	240	2	...	...	1
Burdwan	434	353	346	303	119	58	17	8	...	...
Chittagong	413	411	42	34	4	14	9	9	...	7
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	197	251	20	15	16	44	...	...	...	...
Dinajpur	646	808	394	420	12	19	6	1	...	2
Faridpur	100	61	265	249	18	1	1	...	...	...
Gaya	228	119	5	3	33	38	1	2	1	1
Hooghly	1,137	1,012	487	681	58	45	...	8	...	1
Jessore	539	710	757	899	40	65	2	2	1	2
Midnapore	1,562	1,476	224	238	52	54	...	8	1	18
Murshidabad	283	3	451	235	17	3	7	11	...	...
Mymensingh	242	222	111	61	43	114	3	3	5	2
Noakhali	565	343	69	56	20	6	131	28	15	15
Nadia	206	191	155	175	4	10	1	1	30	14
Patna	829	1,098	19	20	146	222	3	2	...	2
Pabna and Bogra	196	174	154	87	20	15	1	3	...	...
Purnea	432	516	1,351	1,043	145	420	58	37	39	25
Rajshahi	573	492	418	340	100	149	2	4	...	4
Rangpur	287	287	723	600	42	62	58	3	24	34
Saran	1,091	1,764	166	128	637	506	8	5	7	10
Shahabad	1,145	795	179	45	298	282	...		6	...
Tippera	718	418	33	28	72	65	2	32	5	5
Tirhut	1,843	1,853	100	104	179	259	18	26	4	...
24-Parganas	740	599	96	129	42	93	8	8	...	3
Chota-Nagpur	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	19,618	18,407	7,234	6,331	2,525	2,997	356	209	140	147

J.

Appeals instituted, disposed of, and pending in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of		Pending.	
		1891.	1892.	1891.	1892	1891.	1892
Burdwan	Burdwan	535	748	714	682	330	404
	Bankura	428	440	226	348	474	570
	Birbhum	288	334	372	353	131	112
	Midnapore	1,273	1,237	1,147	1,278	569	568
	Hooghly	948	1 095	1,154	1,023	452	557
Presidency	24-Parganas	995	1,027	698	973	692	767
	Nadia	292	448	320	375	136	213
	Jessore	1,079	1,107	874	1,244	964	852
	Murshidabad	326	392	334	389	69	75
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	260	245	242	372	141	22
	Rajshahi	359	345	372	380	177	148
	Rangpur	492	595	641	592	139	148
	Pabna and Bogra	423	464	483	685	600	388
Dacca	Dacca	802	870	957	1,077	594	417
	Faridpur	522	734	820	589	328	481
	Backergunge	800	804	844	671	426	576
	Mymensingh	970	1,112	1,161	1,052	605	697
	Tippera	1,433	1,655	999	1,803	1,637	1,507
Chittagong	Chittagong	1,311	1,448	1,725	1,513	437	405
	Noakhali	480	634	484	621	359	373
Patna	Patna	556	502	654	611	318	221
	Gaya	238	341	320	321	142	172
	Shahabad	745	1,027	802	1,025	334	362
	Tirhut	1,671	1,119	1,137	1,344	1,833	1,647
	Saran	688	925	612	865	701	791
Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	738	726	852	641	335	439
	Purnea	313	248	349	237	62	76
Orissa	Cuttack	246	280	312	283	67	73
Chota-Nagpur	Chota-Nagpur	651	652	513	768	945	843
	Total	19,862	21,554	20,118	22,115	13,997	13,904

K.

Number of Appellate Judges and of Appeals preferred with ratio of Appeals to Decisions, 1892.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Appellate Judges.	Number of Decisions in which an Appeal lay to the District Court.	Number of Appeals preferred.	Ratio of Appeals to Decisions in which an Appeal lay.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	2	2,802	748	26·69
	Bankura	2	1,544	440	28·49
	Birbhum	2	1,640	334	20·36
	Midnapore	3	3,507	1,237	35·27
	Hooghly	3	3,777	1,095	28 99
PRESIDENCY	24-Parganas	5	4,939	1,027	20·79
	Nadia	2	2,136	448	20 97
	Jessore	5	6,941	1,107	15·94
	Murshidabad	2	1,847	392	21·22
RAJSHAHI	Dinajpur	3	1,609	245	15·22
	Rajshahi	2	1,106	344	31·10
	Rangpur	3	3,108	582	18·72
	Pabna and Bogra	3	1,775	464	26·14
DACCA	Dacca	5	2,943	868	29 49
	Faridpur	3	3,062	734	23·97
	Backergunge	3	4,807	786	16·05
	Mymensingh	3	4,373	1,112	25·42
	Tippera	3	5,668	1,655	29 19
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	3	4,739	1,448	30·55
	Noakhali	1	2,819	634	22·49
PATNA	Patna	4	1,133	502	44·30
	Gaya	3	794	341	42·94
	Shahabad	3	2,218	1,027	46·30
	Tirhut	4	2,862	1,119	39·09
	Sarau	3	1,842	925	50·21
BHAGALPUR	Bhagalpur	4	2,997	723	24 12
	Purnea	1	2,506	248	9·89
ORISSA	Cuttack	2	758	237	31·26
CHOTA-NAGPUR	Chota-Nagpur	6	1,315	415	31·55
	TOTAL	88	81,657	21,237	26·07

L.

Number of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	1891.			1892.		
	In suits for money or movables	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	In suits for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.
Backergunge	124	493	183	129	477	198
Bankura	91	136	201	127	109	204
Birbhum	63	109	116	67	122	145
Bhagalpur	104	506	128	171	392	163
Burdwan	119	201	215	161	266	321
Chittagong	170	494	647	207	541	700
Cuttack	95	51	100	105	43	132
Dacca	181	260	361	200	314	356
Dinajpur	84	101	75	92	92	61
Faridpur	113	285	124	155	387	192
Gaya	44	92	102	50	162	129
Hooghly	202	366	380	298	361	436
Jessore	98	580	401	110	609	388
Midnapore	176	670	427	174	616	447
Murshidabad	63	115	148	74	176	142
Mymensingh	226	324	420	288	422	402
Noakhali	85	238	157	92	333	269
Nadia	16	173	103	58	254	136
Patna	64	328	164	81	261	160
Pabna and Bogra	134	149	140	135	167	162
Purnea	46	173	94	41	145	62
Rajshahi	114	163	82	141	142	62
Rangpur	135	247	110	190	294	111
Saran	180	212	296	125	549	251
Shahabad	78	451	216	82	638	307
Tippera	258	774	401	213	905	537
Tirhut	227	1,058	386	202	634	283
24-Parganas	298	376	321	255	418	354
Chota-Nagpur	206	196	249	159	237	256
TOTAL	3,794	9,321	6,747	4,182	10,066	7,306

M.

Value of Appeals of each class instituted in the Civil Courts in the past as compared with the preceding year.

DISTRICTS.	1891.			1892.		
	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title suits.	In cases for money or movables.	Under the Rent Law.	In title and other suits.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	27,491	47,456	54,506	20,305	33,611	43,998
Bankura	14,463	8,769	19,462	20,052	7,815	30,200
Birbhum	10,107	4,002	15,364	13,021	5,243	18,238
Bhagalpur	50,676	43,377	36,399	71,064	36,122	57,113
Burdwan	21,281	9,569	24,411	35,871	19,807	32,930
Chittagong	31,086	28,782	48,868	37,590	26,319	47,569
Cuttack	24,207	10,612	19,483	27,111	7,427	21,360
Dacca	38,288	13,724	57,344	52,409	10,376	57,867
Dinajpur	16,708	7,653	15,833	18,495	6,072	6,589
Faridpur	21,441	15,025	27,273	23,720	26,829	32,159
Gaya	21,291	33,349	61,543	24,102	43,944	51,661
Hooghly	47,664	27,807	62,625	61,910	25,978	69,193
Jessore	16,112	51,538	49,427	20,583	42,477	52,839
Midnapore	25,712	30,853	76,253	42,952	29,982	65,784
Murshidabad	6,256	7,974	32,104	6,874	16,708	20,696
Mymensingh	35,793	16,541	71,213	54,498	23,203	71,568
Noakhali	10,964	12,757	15,424	14,246	15,693	21,130
Nadia	5,980	6,181	20,984	14,931	19,328	21,616
Patna	47,285	28,221	42,380	46,799	26,598	48,305
Pabna and Bogra	30,750	9,568	22,348	31,798	14,019	45,635
Purnea	6,957	13,551	9,191	6,549	12,005	6,138
Rajshahi	22,858	10,237	19,136	18,561	12,193	11,844
Rangpur	45,351	23,446	17,459	47,004	15,693	22,565
Saran	42,547	14,638	49,974	33,405	33,072	40,064
Shahabad	32,197	31,860	57,167	29,628	39,142	59,812
Tippera	33,128	25,429	25,509	42,713	33,573	40,725
Tirhut	53,893	79,368	1,00,789	63,956	52,034	69,945
24-Parganas	58,842	31,472	98,416	60,320	47,785	90,386
Chota-Nagpur	37,164	27,904	56,068	38,983	40,293	1,13,937
TOTAL	8,36,492	6,71,663	12,06,983	9,79,850	7,23,341	12,71,815

N.

Appeals how disposed of, 1892.

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded under Section 562	Otherwise disposed of.	TOTAL.
BURDWAN	Burdwan	342	63	139	42	96	682
	Bankura	194	34	88	15	17	348
	Birbhum	218	60	52	4	19	353
	Midnapore	650	184	246	94	104	1,278
	Hooghly	500	137	260	55	71	1,023
PRESIDENCY	24-Parganas	616	54	209	36	58	973
	Nadia	215	84	62	10	54	375
	Jessore	709	118	234	64	119	1,244
	Murshidabad	225	31	108	4	21	389
RAJSHAHI	Dinajpur	274	16	56	1	25	372
	Rajshahi	184	62	97	10	27	380
	Rangpur	311	64	128	81	8	592
	Pabna and Bogra	396	79	170	28	12	685
DACCA	Dacca	681	134	155	38	69	1,077
	Faridpur	340	25	168	14	42	589
	Backergunge	345	70	120	15	121	671
	Mymensingh	632	93	183	37	107	1,052
	Tippera	1,257	143	256	11	136	1,803
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	731	145	343	82	212	1,513
	Noakhali	386	125	61	11	38	621
PATNA	Patna	395	80	75	16	45	611
	Gaya	192	31	72	6	20	321
	Shahabad	607	177	123	62	56	1,025
	Tirhut	686	68	281	32	277	1,344
	Saran	364	52	162	45	242	865
BHAGALPUR	Bhagalpur	333	86	125	12	85	641
	Purnea	145	8	54	14	16	237
ORISSA	Cuttack	150	25	52	17	39	283
CHOTA-NAGPUR	Chota-Nagpur	427	75	181	33	52	768
	TOTAL	12,505	2,273	4,260	889	2,188	22,115

O.

Miscellaneous Appeals.

Divisions.	Districts.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Burdwan	Burdwan	80	107	77	111	26	24
	Bankura	50	36	61	33	5	8
	Birbhum	42	24	43	23	...	1
	Midnapore	133	114	117	124	29	21
	Hooghly	103	93	110	84	7	18
Presidency	24-Parganas	168	105	164	160	16	22
	Nadia	21	38	26	36	1	5
	Jessore	200	139	178	161	72	50
	Murshidabad	24	25	22	28	4	3
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	30	29	36	37	10	2
	Rajshahi	48	46	66	39	6	13
	Rangpur	35	42	40	46	7	3
	Pabna and Bogra	51	51	48	51	7	7
Dacca	Dacca	73	65	62	92	32	7
	Faridpur	37	48	61	49	5	4
	Backergunge	116	117	121	114	22	26
	Mymensingh	59	30	60	29	6	7
	Tippera	111	83	110	66	3	21
Chittagong	Chittagong	153	143	166	157	34	20
	Noakhali	57	34	56	34	6	6
Patna	Patna	154	88	148	122	36	8
	Gaya	126	67	78	118	52	3
	Shahabad	61	84	96	90	15	9
	Tirhut	209	137	220	148	36	29
	Saran	141	77	143	120	52	14
Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	77	87	89	87	12	13
	Purnea	14	24	19	21	2	5
Orissa	Cuttack	40	29	37	33	9	5
Chota-Nagpur	Chota-Nagpur	62	50	73	55	19	14
	Total	2,484	2,012	2,527	2,208	531	368

P 1.

Work done by District Judges, 1892.

DISTRICTS.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases	Regular Appeals.	Number of Miscellaneous Appeals.	Number of Sessions Trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	142	128	9	315	217	104	50	354
Bankura	138	124	46	139	199	33	34	69
Birbhum	180	71	40	204	254	23	20	73
Bhagalpur	95	154	5	208	252	80	86	559
Burdwan	155	96	36	361	359	111	25	203
Chittagong	171	89	10	358	307	157	33	152
Cuttack	84	182	4	119	95	31	88	377
Dacca	171	81	18	370	334	90	31	370
Dinajpur	146	109	4	186	268	37	47	174
Faridpur	122	139	18	260	85	49	32	277
Gaya	144	105	18	269	152	118	43	283
Hooghly	154	92	21	640	280	84	19	259
Jessore	96	172	94	114	143	74	88	418
Midnapore	113	149	29	490	408	82	53	332
Murshidabad	151	88	145	213	308	28	34	115
Mymensingh	78	197	16	281	62	10	105	628
Noakhali	209	49	42	136	621	34	19	127
Nadia	138	113	24	337	267	36	44	253
Patna	137	126	10	191	306	122	63	310
Pabna and Bogra	1311	146	9	257	209	51	70	313
Purnea	144	110	90	185	237	21	33	155
Rajshahi	120	131	25	238	223	38	60	210
Rangpur	114	140	7	252	281	37	69	261
Saran	101	160	10	508	282	120	99	630
Shahabad	196	51	2	260	435	90	33	212
Tippera	121	144	9	279	169	66	66	360
Tirhut	130	131	22	708	557	148	97	424
24-Parganas	234	18	27	1,013	161	100	...	461
Chota-Nagpur	79	207	...	21	183	31	59	516
TOTAL	3,994	3,502	790	8,912	7,544	2,005	1,500	8,875

P 2.

Work done by Additional Judges, 1892.

DISTRICTS.	Days, Civil.	Days, Criminal.	Original Suits.	Miscellaneous Regular Cases	Regular Appeals	Number of Miscellaneous Appeals.	Number of Sessions Trials.	Number of Criminal Appeals.
Backergunge	12	92	...	2	43	10	29	59
Dacca	58	48	...	7	110	2	28	21
Hooghly	...	29	...	.	...	...	22	...
Jessore	30	24	3	2	69	...	13	6
24-Parganas	67	157	1	233	75	...	96	...
TOTAL	167	350	4	244	297	12	188	86

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Work done by Subordinate Judges, 1892.

DISTRICTS.			Suits. Withdrawn, etc.	Suits. Decided ex-parte.	Suits. Contested.	Suits. Total.	Miscellaneous. Applications for execution of decrees.	Miscellaneous. Judicial.	Miscellaneous. Non-Judicial.	Regular Appeals.	Miscellaneous Appeals.
Backergunge	1st Sub-Judge	Ordinary	23	24	31	78	144	86	...	260	...
		Small Cause Court powers	49	145	71	265	212	..	...	...	...
	2nd do.	Ordinary	12	25	57	94	181	76	2	151	...
		Small Cause Court powers	55	171	63	289	213	...	...	...	...
Birbhum			9	8	15	32	26	9	1	99	...
Bhagalpur	1st Sub-Judge	Ordinary	25	16	33	74	326	197	...	117	...
		Small Cause Court powers	450	282	177	909	...	..	...	..	..
	2nd do.		27	2	19	48	27	28	...	217	..
	Sub-Judge of Monghyr	Ordinary	48	46	93	187	257	75	3	55	7
		Small Cause Court powers	18	19	16	53	..	..	...	...	..
Burdwan	Ordinary		52	42	63	157	185	185	2	323	...
	Small Cause Court powers		180	134	86	400	52	3	...	...	...
Bankura			6	6	12	24	...	4	...	209	...
Chittagong	1st Sub-Judge	Ordinary	9	7	18	34	80	65	...	643	...
		Small Cause Court powers	11	21	5	37	...	.	...	.	...
	2nd do.		6	13	12	31	28	32	...	563	.8
Cuttack	Ordinary		24	69	39	132	166	170	...	188	2
	Small Cause Court powers		198	193	109	500	195	42	...	...	...
Dacca	1st Sub-Judge		25	28	49	102	162	86	1	159	...
	2nd do.		45	37	44	126	120	45	...	162	...
	3rd do.		...	..	...	..	...	15	...	312	...
Dinajpur	Ordinary		27	15	21	63	50	28	...	95	...
	Small Cause Court powers		402	562	182	1,146	113	28	...	...	...
	Deputy Commissioner of Darjeeling as Sub-Judge		6	3	3	12	5	20	...	9	...
Faridpur	Sub-Judge	Ordinary	13	18	39	70	262	43	...	90	...
		Small Cause Court powers	55	92	28	175	...	...	...	...	...
	Do. Additional		1	...		1	..	22	..	464	...
Gaya	1st Sub-Judge		30	13	71	114	100	52	...	72	...
	2nd do.	Ordinary	45	45	58	148	111	151	...	97	.
		Small Cause Court powers	162	112	91	365	84	.	...	...	...
Hooghly	2nd Sub-Judge		54	46	56	156	158	161	1	378	...
	3rd do.		41	32	38	111	118	68	2	365	..
Jessore	1st Sub-Judge		28	31	31	90	127	225	6	281	21
	2nd do.		...	...	1	1	...	...	...	319	5
		Ordinary	1,221	940	299	2,460	114	507	...	...	
		Small Cause Court powers	21	25	44	90	114	335	...	432	61
	Khulna do.	Ordinary	111	344	163	618	77	...	...	...	..
		Small Cause Court powers	28	13	20	61	106	195	6	391	31
Midnapore	1st Sub-Judge	Ordinary	182	78	73	333	212	...	...	..	...
		Small Cause Court powers	19	19	30	68	86	81	...	479	21
	2nd do.		39	36	37	112	102	167	4	81	...
Murshidabad	Ordinary		404	238	201	843	181	.	...	...	
	Small Cause Court powers		11	17	44	72	128	55	11	528	7
Mymensingh	1st Sub Judge		21	23	32	76	76	21	...	402	12
	2nd do.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Noakhali			34	46	45	125	95	56	...	108	...
Nadia	Ordinary		236	229	66	531	105	38	...	...	...
	Small Cause Court powers		23	18	36	77	82	52	...	144	..
Patna	1st Sub-Judge	Ordinary	101	112	63	281	112	14	...	...	...
		Small Cause Court powers	23	20	53	96	96	297	...	96	...
	2nd do.		34	17	59	110	145	31	...	65	.
	3rd do.		13	26	52	91	735	104	1	160	..
Pabna and Bogra	1st Sub-Judge	Ordinary	189	371	134	694	...	..	...	...	...
		Small Cause Court powers	4	2	44	50	1	3	...	307	...
	2nd do.		...	...	. .	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea	Ordinary		...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	.
	Small Cause Court powers		20	45	26	91	171	87	...	157	1
Rajshahi	Ordinary		201	247	88	536	...	..	...	.	...
	Small Cause Court powers		14	33	51	98	333	107	...	244	...
Rangpur	Ordinary power		709	967	236	2,002	...	...	...	...	..
	Small Cause Court powers		8	12	7	27	13	25	...	67	9
	Additional Sub-Judge of Jalpaiguri		89	31	47	117	74	87	...	278	...
Saran	1st Sub-Judge	Ordinary	117	121	50	288	17	...	. .	...	...
		Small Cause Court powers	29	34	50	113	131	81	9	305	...
	2nd do.	Ordinary	20	38	21	79	5	...	...	.	...
		Small Cause Court powers	31	15	43	89	238	127	6	247	...
Shahabad	1st Sub-Judge	Ordinary	105	120	82	307	...	.	...	.	..
		Small Cause Court powers	39	11	67	117	95	112	...	343	...
	2nd do.		.	1	6	7	78	58	. .	1,000	..
Tippera	1st Sub-Judge		18	28	33	79	44	36	.	634	..
	2nd do.		51	63	82	196	141	111		270	
Tirhut	1st Sub-Judge		65	61	74	200	223	103	3	178	
	2nd do.		28	1	55	84	153	19		339	
	3rd do.		55	21	92	169	200	104	1	142	...
24-Parganas	1st Sub-Judge		66	29	57	152	151	77		149	..
	2nd do.		7	3	18	28	3	6		446	...
	Additional do.		551	230	494	1,275	439	494		585	24
Chota-Nagpur											
Total			7,118	6,943	4,805	18,866	8,[illegible]	5,496	59	14,274	191

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Showing the Number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1892.

Districts.	Munsifs.	Suits: Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Suits: Decided *ex parte*.	Suits: Contested.	Suits: Total.	Miscellaneous Cases: Applications for execution of decrees.	Miscellaneous Cases: Judicial.	Miscellaneous Cases: Non-judicial.
Backergunge	Barisal, 1st	906	1,690	509	3,105	602	219	54
	Do., 2nd	479	1,223	390	2,092	646	138	49
	Do., 3rd	1,058	1,891	582	3,531	1,738	375	59
	Do., 4th	419	1,072	258	1,749	603	162	96
	Do., 5th	544	1,193	348	2,085	1,334	381	133
	Pitukhali, 1st	1,016	1,494	517	3,027	979	138	37
	Do., 2nd	481	537	404	1,422	649	217	71
	Do., 3rd	436	1,072	320	1,828	765	247	58
	Do., 4th	709	1,496	580	2,785	1,155	208	45
	Pirojpur, 1st	570	732	329	1,631	731	265	269
	Do., 2nd	306	585	239	1,130	402	174	111
	Do., 3rd	365	489	262	1,116	564	230	80
	Do., 4th	381	878	257	1,516	212	79	49
	Bhola, 1st	1,029	1,723	663	3,415	1,050	317	73
	Do., 2nd	443	372	281	1,096	465	106	...
	Total	9,142	16,447	5,939	31,528	11,895	3,206	1,184
Bankura	Bankura	1,283	962	348	2,593	1,292	112	175
	Do., Additional	67	6	80	153	9	5	...
	Gungajalghati	600	436	238	1,274	529	98	131
	Vishnupur	1,247	502	339	2,088	794	213	75
	Do., Additional	86	15	90	191	4	2	..
	Kotalpur	624	331	195	1,150	615	167	34
	Do., Additional	92	5	90	187	5	5	...
	Khatra	752	567	306	1,625	617	126	95
	Total	4,751	2,824	1,686	9,261	4,065	730	508
Birbhum	Suri	521	387	294	1,202	877	128	9
	Do., Additional	37	7	164	208	21	2	...
	Dubrajpur	452	334	264	1,050	591	113	69
	Bholpur	800	605	365	1,770	831	139	63
	Do., Additional	69	2	76	147	24	10	...
	Do., do., 2nd	6	...	1	7	...	...	...
	Rampur-Hât	1,179	1,061	662	2,902	995	168	124
	Do., Additional	178	40	196	414	32	9	...
	Total	3,242	2,436	2,022	7,700	3,371	569	265
Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur	1,180	1,017	564	2,761	1,069	258	1,637
	Do., Additional	326	475	344	1,145	184	62	19
	Banka, 1st	410	142	244	796	259	109	178
	Do., 2nd	32	28	11	71	...	...	...
	Madhipura, 1st	1,516	2,211	770	4,497	1,351	216	369
	Do., 2nd	320	247	351	918	7	1	.
	Monghyr, 1st	527	1,166	321	2,014	894	141	147
	Do., 2nd	1,034	997	445	2,476	705	284	64
	Begusarai, 1st	764	499	473	1,736	976	281	580
	Do., 2nd	191	85	139	415	2	4	...
	Jamui	305	139	106	550	319	77	109
	Total	6,605	7,006	3,768	17,379	5,766	1,433	3,103
Burdwan	Sadar, 1st	567	450	264	1,281	521	1.6	71
	Do., 2nd	473	383	255	1,111	611	151	136
	Do., 3rd	675	514	233	1,422	584	167	115
	Kalna	1,045	1,034	328	2,407	1,100	165	112
	Do., Additional	270	213	201	684	31	20	...
	Katwa, 1st	480	549	414	1,443	652	233	53
	Do., 2nd	764	847	385	1,996	892	331	109
	Do., Additional	58	59	127	244	5	4	...
	Bood-Bood	795	421	469	1,685	616	153	76
	Raniganj	874	636	318	1,828	695	209	65
	Do., Additional	101	35	217	353	4	25	...
	Total	6,102	5,141	3,211	14,454	5,711	1,574	737
Chittagong	Sadar	500	465	311	1,276	654	91	43
	Do., Additional	172	166	127	465	48	6	...
	Sitakund	512	474	394	1,380	577	150	48
	Do., Additional	102	88	153	343	5	18	...
	Satkanea	594	476	434	1,504	804	181	54
	Do., Additional	70	18	100	188	6	12	...
	North Raojan	499	545	352	1,396	814	80	27
	Do., Additional	15	14	31	60	12	1	...
	South Raojan	568	458	449	1,475	770	87	43
	Do., Additional	62	15	84	161	7	7	...
	Patiya, 1st	870	906	581	2,357	924	112	113
	Do., 2nd	335	200	320	855	729	148	...
	Do., 3rd	302	188	294	784	148	54	...
	Hathhazari	550	360	419	1,329	884	101	24
	Do., Additional	258	212	233	698	75	20	...
	Phatikchari	414	293	421	1,128	540	138	22
	Do., Additional	147	38	200	385	9	10	...
	Anwara	579	457	419	1,455	626	106	75
	Do., Additional	24	5	32	61	6	0	...
	Cox's Bazar	462	285	163	910	393	31	33
	Total	7,080	5,663	5,517	18,210	8,037	1,362	581

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Cuttack	Sadar	1,419	812	395	2,626	820	211	...
	Do., Additional	92	63	36	191	1	7	...
	Jajpur	1,428	491	304	2,223	580	122	...
	Do., Additional	57	34	52	143	1	3	...
	Kendrapara	1,275	402	310	1,987	455	76	...
	Balasore	1,152	552	219	1,923	435	244	...
	Do, Additional	58	17	81	156	4	16	...
	Puri	1,488	726	248	2,463	628	159	...
	Total	6,969	3,097	1,645	11,711	2,924	838	...
Dacca	Sadar, 1st	853	1,518	281	2,652	468	215	2
	Do, 2nd	1,000	2,215	425	3,640	511	146	21
	Do., 3rd	124	173	228	525	209	44	29
	Do., 4th	191	265	238	694	229	21	14
	Kaliganj, 1st	824	1,791	724	3,339	1,096	139	2
	Do., 2nd	544	1,139	346	2,029	829	126	11
	Do, 3rd	202	253	324	779	146	32	..
	Munshiganj, 1st	1,024	2,169	352	3,545	1,236	287	23
	Do, 2nd	1,482	2,251	354	4,087	545	168	8
	Do., 3rd	444	546	284	1,274	232	37	23
	Do, 4th	366	467	327	1,160	351	31	26
	Manikganj, 1st	769	1,381	389	2,539	381	251	8
	Do., 2nd	1,037	1,584	305	2,876	385	103	110
	Do, 3rd	294	357	283	934	331	94	8
	Narayanganj	601	1,050	357	2,008	472	92	32
	Total	9,755	17,109	5,217	32,081	7,421	1,786	326
Dinajpur	Sub-Judge with powers of Munsif	...	...	...	...	25	...	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Darjeeling with powers of Munsif	17	9	6	32	20	2	...
	Small Cause Court Judge of Kurseong with powers of Munsif	19	28	4	51	13	2	...
	Sadar, 1st	359	1,042	298	1,699	779	125	29
	Do, 2nd	110	409	185	704	14	14	...
	Balughat	571	618	197	1,386	311	77	248
	Raiganj	862	1,489	340	2,691	689	89	185
	Thakurgaon	848	1,137	255	2,240	625	97	545
	Phulbari	481	731	349	1,561	273	80	248
	Tera	56	23	19	98	25	5	...
	Total	3,223	5,486	1,653	10,462	2,774	498	1,255
Faridpur	Sadar	692	1,349	345	2,386	805	114	64
	Do, Additional	191	527	168	886	63	22	...
	Bhanga, 1st	1,657	2,283	453	4,393	962	177	34
	Do., 2nd	482	753	414	1,649	1,083	112	157
	Do., Additional	472	1,517	397	2,386	230	32	..
	Goalundo, 1st	923	1,134	574	2,631	816	168	60
	Do, 2nd	459	406	262	1,127	475	82	...
	Madaripur, 1st	1,197	2,627	457	4,281	429	124	3
	Do, 2nd	538	1,080	490	2,108	795	91	10
	Do, Additional	61	37	88	186	...	2	...
	Chikandi, 1st	1,068	2,895	677	4,640	1,104	151	19
	Do., 2nd	254	444	249	947	678	96	12
	Do, Additional	335	623	202	1,160	213	29	4
	Total	8,329	15,675	4,776	28,780	7,653	1,200	354
Gaya	Sadar, 1st	148	90	151	389	249	105	49
	Do, 2nd	150	99	188	441	212	59	33
	Do, 3rd	120	95	141	356	231	66	83
	Aurangabad	217	98	222	537	179	55	34
	Total	644	382	697	1,723	901	285	199
Hooghly	Sadar, 1st	572	662	183	1,417	609	308	209
	Do, 2nd	634	532	231	1,397	284	180	104
	Serampore, 1st	263	624	300	1,187	559	240	45
	Do, 2nd	562	382	224	1,168	486	217	108
	Do, 3rd	442	837	403	1,682	940	270	64
	Do, Additional	72	78	83	233	3	26	
	Jahanabad, 1st	855	907	421	2,183	899	286	440
	Do, 2nd	985	554	257	1,796	516	209	46
	Do, Additional	91	12	83	186	36	12	...
	Howrah, 1st	381	478	309	1,168	606	291	41
	Do., 2nd	583	761	301	1,645	784	278	34
	Do., Additional	209	297	158	664	112	78	...
	Ulubaria	1,085	368	225	1,678	867	369	179
	Do. Additional	349	180	229	758	16	17	.
	Ampta	681	475	365	1,471	864	483	663
	Do., Additional	451	352	300	1,103	63	53	
	Total	8,165	7,499	4,072	19,736	47,644	3,323	1,933

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Districts.	Munsifs.	Suits				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided ex parte.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Jessore	Sadar, 1st	838	1,248	559	2,645	1,210	246	157
	Do., 2nd	624	1,136	447	2,207	1,166	458	91
	Do., 3rd	719	1,107	479	2,305	988	316	73
	Narail, 1st	1,196	1,360	486	3,042	772	196	128
	Do., 2nd	371	688	263	1,322	754	151	79
	Do., 3rd	410	436	503	1,349	337	105	...
	Do., Additional	58	24	70	152	...	4	...
	Jhenida 1st	1,073	1,192	403	2,668	1,245	166	177
	Do., 2nd	262	457	548	1,267	148	41	27
	Magura, 1st	1,331	1,468	490	3,184	1,278	126	113
	Do., 2nd	621	687	355	1,563	701	82	43
	Do., Additional	350	386	331	1,067	93	30	...
	Bongaon 1st	1,346	1,594	575	3,515	1,625	239	125
	Do., 2nd	5	4	4	9	...	...	...
	Khulna, 1st	737	808	350	1,895	700	143	78
	Do., 2nd	580	582	423	1,585	848	135	108
	Satkhira, 1st	1,239	1,291	459	2,989	1,901	176	69
	Do., 2nd	500	653	350	1,503	708	87	119
	Do., Additional	401	569	263	1,233	398	49	2
	Bagerhat, 1st	417	812	328	1,557	652	226	92
	Do., 2nd	656	1,855	374	2,885	852	292	107
	Do., Additional	183	255	244	682	99	37	19
	Total	13,717	18,103	8,304	40,124	16,500	3,395	1,661
Midnapore	Sadar, 1st	2,345	810	414	3,569	799	227	...
	Do., 2nd	1,510	942	401	2,853	1,287	207	786
	Do., 3rd	452	190	212	854	363	116	...
	Do., 4th	489	163	262	914	108	56	...
	Danton	1,087	795	246	2,128	546	122	62
	Nemal, 1st	405	146	184	735	476	191	...
	Do., 2nd	192	61	116	369	217	98	...
	Do., 3rd	1,702	1,690	512	3,904	1,105	295	20
	Do., 4th	323	102	213	638	372	124	..
	Garhbetta	1,059	902	317	2,278	979	205	197
	Tamluk, 1st	652	821	391	1,864	1,668	264	163
	Do., 2nd	1,229	658	369	2,256	456	215	124
	Do., 3rd	510	708	306	1,524	467	151	59
	Ghatal, 1st	1,524	826	290	2,640	901	201	547
	Do., 2nd	124	23	135	282	22	6	...
	Total	13,603	8,837	4,368	26,808	9,746	2,538	1,958
Murshidabad	Sadar	1,039	845	349	2,233	738	64	73
	Do., Additional	51	40	85	176	42	...	...
	Kandi, 1st	1,057	537	478	2,072	427	96	31
	Do., 2nd	559	548	333	1,540	470	92	43
	Jangipur	1,399	1,544	574	3,517	1,645	143	145
	Do., Additional	337	550	270	1,157	184	18	11
	Azimganj	922	601	268	1,791	544	72	53
	Lalbag	973	1,040	436	2,449	558	54	240
	Total	6,337	5,805	2,793	14,935	4,004	539	595
Mymensingh	Sadar	962	1,526	426	2,914	671	151	51
	Do., Additional	422	768	336	1,526	473	127	...
	Iswarganj	545	1,693	364	2,602	1,021	157	36
	Kishorganj, 1st	779	2,010	418	3,207	751	141	40
	Do., 2nd	296	355	270	921	533	140	...
	Do., Additional	59	13	216	288	6	6	...
	Pingna	647	1,455	289	2,391	430	144	7
	Sherpur	550	579	237	1,366	322	68	25
	Atia, 1st	664	2,330	511	3,505	891	276	56
	Do., 2nd	306	523	310	1,139	526	219	...
	Netrakona, 1st	666	1,524	611	3,001	788	189	...
	Do., 2nd	958	2,084	593	3,635	1,006	136	72
	Do., 3rd	357	358	382	1,097	435	72	...
	Do., Additional	86	24	169	279	11	3	.
	Bajitpore	475	906	431	1,812	605	93	6
	Do., Additional	261	667	340	1,268	838	78	80
	Jamalpur	1,018	1,363	562	2,943	947	253	75
	Do., Additional	81	76	128	285	2	8	...
	Total	9,332	18,254	6,593	34,179	10,956	2,260	424
Noakhali	Sudharam, 1st	957	1,083	523	2,463	509	71	75
	Do., 2nd	96	60	115	271	138	13	...
	Lukhmipur, 1st	1,105	1,544	744	3,393	1,514	124	64
	Do., 2nd	282	273	286	841	560	84	..
	Sundip	643	413	529	1,585	701	107	94
	Do., Additional	129	123	450	702	66	11	...
	Begumganj	1,043	1,114	642	2,799	1,436	231	106
	Do., Additional	239	203	237	679	40	12	..
	Fenny, 1st	805	874	390	2,159	1,076	104	63
	Do., 2nd	250	143	264	657	147	26	..
	Hattia	331	203	382	866	320	84	34
	Total	5,950	5,043	4,512	16,445	6,907	927	

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Showing the Number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1892—continued.

Districts.	Munsifs.	Suits				Miscellaneous Cases.		
		Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Decided ex parte.	Contested.	Total.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Judicial.	Non-judicial.
Nadia	Krishnagar, 1st	1,450	1,057	506	3,013	843	105	12
	Do., 2nd	246	433	265	944	384	60	13
	Kushtia, 1st	2,188	1,507	913	4,608	1,487	362	18
	Do., 2nd	437	694	471	1,602	1,180	150	60
	Do., 3rd	272	321	306	899	316	99	31
	Meherpur	1,018	899	364	2,281	1,551	98	91
	Ranaghat, 1st	1,214	1,195	335	2,744	881	201	126
	Do., 2nd	117	95	170	382	8	10	...
	Chuadanga	1,627	985	484	3,096	1,419	140	25
	Total	8,569	7,186	3,814	19,569	7,969	1,225	376
Patna	Sadar, 1st	297	302	218	817	570	205	410
	Do., 2nd	794	632	458	1,884	543	135	124
	Do., 3rd	308	148	222	678	453	196	536
	Do., 4th	45	18	152	215	159	30	85
	Bihar	316	118	163	597	254	117	132
	Total	1,760	1,218	1,213	4,191	1,979	683	1,287
Pabna and Bogra	Pabna, 1st	1,428	1,653	658	3,739	936	143	80
	Do., 2nd	355	576	492	1,423	659	74	30
	Shahzadpur	342	941	270	1,553	553	78	22
	Sirajganj	776	1,467	536	2,779	1,187	91	71
	Bogra, 1st	1,112	2,050	478	3,640	1,108	118	54
	Do., 2nd	391	753	336	1,480	691	105	57
	Total	4,404	7,440	2,770	14,614	5,136	609	314
Purnea	Sadar	892	986	482	2,360	730	279	345
	Kudwa	741	954	274	1,969	407	102	841
	Araria, 1st	582	1,564	503	2,649	716	182	313
	Do., 2nd	271	396	430	1,097	483	132	162
	Kishanganj, 1st	1,047	796	611	2,454	651	169	456
	Do., 2nd	686	524	494	1,704	665	166	...
	Total	4,219	5,220	2,794	12,233	3,652	1,030	2,117
Rajshahi	Boalia	816	823	251	1,890	411	131	438
	Do., Additional	15	3	52	70	2	6	...
	Nator, 1st	982	994	266	2,242	611	70	200
	Do., Additional	...	5	10	15	...	...	..
	Naugaon	548	763	118	1,429	332	119	21
	Malda	768	1,158	268	2,194	618	153	214
	Do., Additional	287	562	152	1,001	182	51	32
	Nawabganj	998	993	385	2,376	849	78	59
	Total	4,414	5,301	1,502	11,217	2,959	608	964
Rangpur	Sadar, 1st	648	1,365	433	2,446	894	166	37
	Do., 2nd	477	752	376	1,605	613	95	228
	Kurigoan, 1st	1,286	2,686	693	4,665	1,142	186	238
	Do., 2nd	213	320	226	759	299	87	...
	Nolphamari, 1st	1,001	1,525	474	3,000	728	109	11
	Do., 2nd	445	503	160	1,108	154	53	...
	Gaibanda, 1st	638	1,485	435	2,558	916	137	419
	Do., 2nd	469	694	291	1,454	375	91	...
	Jalpiguri	647	948	482	2,077	345	251	...
	Alipore	130	91	92	313	48	27	...
	Total	5,954	10,369	3,662	19,985	5,514	1,192	923
Saran	Chapra, 1st	336	229	226	791	467	167	...
	Do., 2nd	327	333	255	915	409	99	...
	Do., 3rd	1,116	1,289	353	2,758	893	94	422
	Siwan	541	432	354	1,327	885	183	305
	Gopalganj	465	246	190	901	341	172	609
	Motihari, 1st	1,466	821	475	2,762	762	299	738
	Do., 2nd	577	421	275	1,273	812	449	221
	Total	4,828	3,771	2,128	10,727	4,569	1,463	2,295

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Showing the Number of Suits and Miscellaneous Cases disposed of in each Munsif's Court in 1892—concluded.

Districts.	Munsifs.	Suits. Withdrawn, compromised, confessed, etc.	Suits. Decided *ex parte*.	Suits. Contested.	Suits. Total.	Miscellaneous Cases. Applications for execution of decrees.	Miscellaneous Cases. Judicial.	Miscellaneous Cases. Non-Judicial.
Shahabad	Arrah, 1st	463	311	348	1,122	894	147	303
	Do., 2nd	671	340	428	1,439	745	194	439
	Do., 3rd	411	319	353	1,083	806	257	..
	Buxar, 1st	441	489	477	1,407	1,044	156	191
	Do., 2nd	58	15	193	266	32	13	...
	Sasaram, 1st	602	287	309	1,198	599	190	407
	Do., 2nd	103	34	227	364	2	8	...
	Sub-divisional officer of Bhabua exercising powers of Munsif	4	3	...	7	...	...	105
	Total	2,753	1,798	2,335	6,886	4,122	965	1,355
Tipperah	Comilla, 1st	177	151	273	601	288	106	...
	Do., 2nd	602	841	544	1,987	443	79	36
	Do., 3rd	220	299	442	961	290	57	...
	Do., 4th	997	1,499	362	2,858	599	140	...
	Do., 5th	613	710	578	1,901	603	67	17
	Do., 6th	249	168	227	644	481	104	...
	Do., 7th	1,031	1,063	571	2,665	1,181	110	126
	Kusba, 1st	491	532	385	1,408	651	143	41
	Do., 2nd	425	306	382	1,113	240	37	...
	Nabinagar, 1st	647	811	342	1,800	609	195	144
	Do., 2nd	427	443	305	1,175	320	68	...
	Brahmunbaria, 1st	298	202	229	729	313	132	...
	Do., 2nd	1,014	1,505	405	2,924	384	167	134
	Do., 3rd	451	364	374	1,189	232	61	...
	Chandpore, 1st	417	716	349	1,482	668	68	...
	Do., 2nd	1,066	1,743	406	3,215	566	126	51
	Do., 3rd	424	712	466	1,602	399	61	...
	Total	9,549	12,065	6,640	28,254	8,267	1,721	549
Tirhut	Muzaffarpur, 1st	530	685	714	1,929	1,145	93	450
	Do., 2nd	241	313	243	796	540	182	...
	Do., Additional	248	178	292	718	18	81	...
	Sitamarhi	530	366	490	1,386	626	101	63
	Hajipur	553	630	220	1,403	704	115	61
	Durbhanga	352	261	294	907	536	223	577
	Madhubani	460	592	289	1,341	733	154	464
	Samastipur	865	690	503	2,058	1,144	190	367
	Total	3,779	3,715	3,044	10,538	5,446	1,089	1,982
24-Parganas	Alipore, 1st	362	266	294	922	539	241	...
	Do., 2nd	752	603	389	1,744	511	243	...
	Do., 3rd	719	1,971	584	3,274	1,251	367	117
	Diamond Harbour, 1st	655	2,743	500	3,898	4,733	313	217
	Do., 2nd	343	402	314	1,059	555	241	
	Do., 3rd	638	784	320	1,742	422	280	..
	Do., 4th	107	59	123	289	69	22	...
	Barasat, 1st	710	456	261	1,427	417	120	...
	Do., 2nd	1,329	1,552	473	3,354	1,270	163	160
	Sealdah, 1st	434	682	382	1,498	514	286	84
	Do., 2nd	408	674	379	1,461	302	197	...
	Basirhat, 1st	556	783	480	1,819	1,015	167	126
	Do., 2nd	1,426	924	375	2,725	622	177	...
	Do. Additional	142	105	176	423	10	21	..
	Baruipore, 1st	559	1,226	419	2,204	1,316	217	68
	Do., 2nd	973	1,464	446	2,883	1,171	170	103
	Total	10,113	14,694	5,915	30,722	11,747	3,225	825
Chota-Nagpur	Hazaribagh	185	87	105	377	173	91	...
	Chattra	96	68	49	213	108	45	...
	Giridih	471	317	147	935	320	107	...
	Lohardaga	69	53	70	192	72	50	...
	Ranchi	240	183	161	584	306	222	...
	Palamau	206	56	94	356	154	64	...
	Purulia	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
	Barabazar	455	142	173	770	222	84	...
	Raghunathpur	401	182	237	820	332	82	...
	Gobindpur	134	148	77	359	118	59	...
	Singhbhum	61	35	14	110	28	2	...
	Total	2,318	1,271	1,127	4,716	1,828	806	...
	Grand Total	1,85,656	2,19,795	1,03,717	5,09,168	1,79,553	40,989	28,420

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Average Duration of Cases.

DISTRICTS.	Procedure.	District Judges. Contested.	District Judges. Uncontested.	Subordinate Judges. Contested.	Subordinate Judges. Uncontested	Munsifs. Contested.	Munsifs. Uncontested.	Small Cause Court Judges. Contested.	Small Cause Court Judges. Uncontested.	Additional Judges. Contested.	Additional Judges. Uncontested.
		Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.	Y. M. D.
Backergunge	O.	0 4 7	0 2 12	0 7 22	0 3 25	0 5 12	0 2 16	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 10	0 0 28	0 1 15	0 1 1	...	...	...	...
Bankura	O	0 11 13	0 6 5	0 9 11	0 3 24	0 5 23	0 2 19	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 9	0 1 0	...	...	...	...
Birbhum	O.	0 4 8	0 2 17	0 7 3	0 2 29	0 6 21	0 2 20	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 17	0 0 27	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur	O.	0 0 16	...	0 8 29	0 6 21	0 5 20	0 2 25	0 1 12	0 0 16	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 3 9	0 1 27	0 1 26	0 1 13	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	O.	0 4 15	0 3 3	0 7 18	0 3 29	0 5 16	0 2 27	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 5	0 0 29	0 1 15	0 1 4	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	O.	0 3 13	...	0 5 29	0 3 13	0 4 29	0 2 19	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 20	0 0 18	0 1 20	0 1 5	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	O.	0 3 19	0 3 24	0 5 7	0 1 24	0 4 27	0 2 3	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 5	0 0 26	0 1 1	0 0 27	...	...	...	...
Dacca	O.	0 3 18	0 2 9	1 0 26	0 6 21	0 6 2	0 2 28	0 2 24	0 1 5	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 2 8	0 1 12	...	...	...	...
Dinajpur	O.	0 2 23	0 1 15	0 5 12	0 3 7	0 5 0	0 2 7	0 1 24	0 1 5	..	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 7	0 1 2	0 1 14	0 0 25	...	...	...	...
Faridpur	O.	0 5 17	0 6 11	0 9 5	0 4 20	0 5 24	0 2 22	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 12	0 1 1	0 1 20	0 1 9	...	...	...	...
Gaya	O.	0 5 1	0 3 20	1 0 3	0 5 24	0 6 1	0 2 27	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 2 8	0 1 13	0 1 15	0 1 1	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	O.	0 1 21	0 2 11	0 8 25	0 4 10	0 4 22	0 1 23	0 3 9	0 1 29	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 27	0 1 3	...	...	...	...
Jessore	O.	0 4 8	0 4 0	0 10 7	0 4 22	0 4 7	0 2 8	...	...	0 4 5	0 3 26
	S.	...	...	0 0 25	0 0 19	0 1 29	0 1 8	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	O.	0 2 17	0 2 21	0 5 5	0 3 12	0 4 6	0 2 5	...	...	...	..
	S.	...	...	0 1 11	0 1 7	0 1 13	0 1 4	...	...	...	...
Murshidabad	O.	0 1 27	0 1 1	0 3 25	0 2 20	0 3 16	0 1 28	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 1	0 1 0	0 1 9	0 1 1	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	O.	0 8 25	0 4 19	0 10 23	0 5 2	0 5 28	0 2 18	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 2 0	0 1 12	...	...	...	...
Noakhali	O.	0 2 5	0 1 15	..	...	0 4 6	0 1 27	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 5	0 0 23	...	...	—	...
Nadia	O.	0 2 17	0 2 21	0 11 15	0 4 10	0 4 10	0 1 25	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 7	0 1 0	0 1 2	0 0 29	...	...	...	...
Patna	O.	0 10 25	0 7 7	0 10 7	0 5 7	0 7 16	0 3 6	0 0 15	0 0 15	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 17	0 1 4	0 1 2	0 0 27	...	...	...	...
Pabna and Bogra.	O.	0 3 10	0 2 17	1 3 0	0 4 8	0 4 18	0 2 10	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 4	0 1 0	0 1 10	0 1 7	...	...	...	...
Purnea	O.	0 3 20	0 4 0	...	...	0 4 8	0 2 22	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 10	0 1 1	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi	O.	0 4 0	0 6 19	1 0 5	0 3 19	0 4 22	0 2 1	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 4	0 0 27	0 1 17	0 1 2	...	...	...	...
Rangpur	O.	0 4 16	0 3 12	0 9 29	0 3 9	0 3 28	0 1 5	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 10	0 1 2	0 1 6	0 1 5	...	...	...	...
Saran	O.	0 7 19	0 11 19	1 0 23	0 6 10	0 5 0	0 2 8	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 0 28	0 0 25	0 1 13	0 1 2	—	...	—	...
Shahabad	O.	0 0 25	0 1 8	0 7 21	0 4 5	0 5 1	0 2 4	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 1 1	24	0 1 17	0 1 0	...	...	...	...
Tippera	O.	0 3 29	0 4 9	0 11 8	0 4 24	0 6 29	0 3 2	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 2 13	0 1 21	...	...	...	...
Tirhut	O.	0 4 21	0 4 15	1 1 21	0 5 11	0 3 26	0 1 26	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 0	0 0 26	...	...	...	...
24-Parganas	O.	0 4 8	0 5 16	0 11 21	0 5 27	0 5 23	0 2 27	0 1 6	0 0 22	...	0 4 11
	S.	...	...	...	...	0 1 26	0 1 6	...	...	...	...
Chota-Nagpur	O.	...	...	1 1 8	0 8 23	0 3 25	0 2 0	...	...	...	...
	S.	...	...	0 2 4	0 1 10	...	...	...	...	...	...
General Average	O.	0 4 4	0 3 3	0 10 23	0 5 0	0 5 4	0 2 12	0 2 7	0 1 9	0 4 5	0 4 11
	S.	...	...	0 1 12	0 1 0	0 1 19	0 1 7	...	...	...	...

*N B.—O indicates suits disposed of under the procedure generally applicable in the Regular Civil Court. S those disposed of under Small Cause Court powers.

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Total Receipts and Charges of Civil Courts, 1892.

DISTRICTS.	Receipts.	Charges.	Surplus.	Deficit.
	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	4,74,871	2,01,506	2,73,365	...
Bankura	1,58,736	81,459	77,277	...
Birbhum	1,21,394	88,276	33,118	...
Bhagalpur	3,49,715	1,45,852	2,03,863	...
Burdwan	2,47,141	1,29,080	1,18,061	...
Chittagong	2,66,559	1,62,881	1,03,678	...
Cuttack	1,63,820	83,942	79,878	...
Dacca	4,44,013	2,26,669	2,17,344	...
Dinajpur	1,65,909	97,000	68,909	...
Faridpur	3,11,828	1,56,938	1,54,890	...
Gaya	1,37,568	79,916	57,652	...
Hooghly	3,98,564	1,91,463	2,07,101	...
Jessore	5,41,570	2,31,191	3,10,379	...
Midnapore	3,58,714	1;61,762	1,96,952	...
Murshidabad	1,86,342	1,08,410	77,932	...
Mymensingh	4,97,179	1,83,145	3,14,034	...
Noakhali	2,23,402	1,09,010	1,14,392	...
Nadia	2,28,710	1,13,088	1,15,622	...
Patna	2,10,242	1,04,048	1,06,194	...
Pabna and Bogra	2,42,428	1,07,662	1,34,766	...
Purnea	1,80,684	73,210	1,07,474	...
Rajshahi	2,02,328	1,00,863	1,01,465	...
Rangpur	2,85,894	1,18,279	1,67,615	...
Saran	2,43,362	1,11,096	1,32,266	...
Shahabad	2,05,386	1,06,314	99,072	...
Tippera	3,66,492	1,93,610	1,72,882	...
Tirhut	3,41,464	1,46,015	1,95,449	...
24-Parganas	5,29,360	2,51,510	2,77,850	...
Chota-Nagpur	1,71,268	1,47,854	23,414	...
TOTAL	82,54,943	40,12,049	42,42,894	...
Calcutta	11,11,993	11,48,718	...	36,725
GRAND TOTAL	93,66,936	51,60,767	42,06,169	...

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Details of the Receipts and Charges of the several classes of Civil Courts, 1892.

Districts.	Receipts: In court-fee stamps: Process fees.	Receipts: In court-fee stamps: Other fees.	Receipts: In cash or special stamps: Fines.	Receipts: In cash or special stamps: Copying and comparing fees.	Receipts: In cash or special stamps: Other receipts credited to Government.	Total.	Charges: Share of officers' salary debited to Civil Justice.	Charges: Establishment: Process servers.	Charges: Establishment: Salaried, copying and comparing clerks.	Charges: Establishment: Others.	Charges: Contingencies: Fees paid to copyists not on the establishment.	Charges: Contingencies: Contingencies and refunds.	Total.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	1,39,871	3,11,400	160	17,800	5,640	4,74,871	77,166	33,406	2,404	42,685	10,981	34,864	2,01,506
Bankura	46,178	97,684	717	9,842	4,315	1,58,736	34,894	16,597	1,739	17,251	6,543	4,435	81,459
Birbhum	34,261	77,093	5	7,059	2,976	1,21,394	39,752	19,025	1,248	20,498	4,704	3,049	88,276
Bhagalpur	68,615	2,58,497	28	19,592	2,983	3,49,715	63,765	28,340	1,710	34,247	12,946	4,844	1,45,852
Burdwan	69,609	1,61,087	123	13,660	2,612	2,47,141	58,805	24,235	2,428	28,841	9,098	5,673	1,29,080
Chittagong	78,362	1,68,558	1,137	19,665	3,852	2,66,559	66,389	34,915	3,772	38,059	12,609	7,137	1,62,881
Cuttack	35,358	1,18,353	122	5,161	4,826	1,63,820	36,128	19,951	215	21,147	3,386	3,115	83,942
Dacca	1,27,454	2,88,881	507	20,450	6,721	4,44,013	98,929	40,082	3,509	51,031	13,482	19,636	2,26,669
Dinapur	41,517	1,14,165	386	4,834	5,007	1,65,909	44,097	18,250	491	20,679	5,224	8,259	97,000
Faridpur	92,434	2,00,160	176	14,201	4,757	3,11,828	71,849	26,815	2,252	33,865	9,576	12,581	1,56,938
Gaya	21,821	1,07,213	322	6,847	1,365	1,37,568	43,246	11,844	1,069	16,942	4,712	2,083	79,916
Hooghly	91,640	2,53,665	970	19,557	2,732	3,98,564	94,539	26,158	2,216	45,413	13,114	10,023	1,91,463
Jessore	1,65,209	3,47,808	216	21,807	6,530	5,41,570	97,153	45,743	3,689	55,786	14,536	14,285	2,31,191
Midnapore	93,723	2,42,564	246	18,104	4,077	3,58,714	72,766	28,622	2,439	38,365	12,050	7,520	1,61,762
Murshidabad	47,938	1,26,606	88	10,035	1,675	1,86,342	48,496	20,213	1,611	24,586	6,958	6,546	1,08,410
Mymensingh	1,42,959	3,20,419	1,213	20,087	12,501	4,97,179	74,724	35,787	3,726	44,207	13,308	11,393	1,83,145
Noakhali	68,952	1,34,372	294	12,524	7,260	2,23,402	48,040	20,725	1,713	24,408	8,344	5,780	1,09,010
Nadia	65,509	1,51,556	50	9,623	1,972	2,28,710	46,200	25,873	1,347	26,664	6,410	6,614	1,13,088
Patna	30,380	1,70,345	...	8,424	1,093	2,10,242	57,644	14,539	1,124	22,740	5,611	2,390	1,04,048
Pabna and Bogra	64,236	1,64,247	740	10,508	2,697	2,42,428	51,077	17,534	1,664	21,740	6,833	8,814	1,07,662
Purnea	36,148	1,35,092	136	8,201	1,107	1,80,684	32,814	13,967	487	17,894	5,421	2,627	73,210
Rajshahi	48,436	1,29,678	489	8,149	15,656	2,02,328	37,450	16,897	1,409	23,893	5,814	15,900	1,00,863
Rangpur	75,407	1,93,252	215	12,427	4,593	2,85,894	45,263	23,873	1,845	32,861	8,199	6,238	1,18,279
Saran	51,224	1,79,332	77	10,748	1,981	2,43,362	49,085	22,509	1,385	25,897	7,065	5,155	1,11,096
Shahabad	44,807	1,46,545	164	10,427	3,443	2,05,386	57,655	14,436	1,594	21,460	7,002	4,167	1,06,314
Tippera	1,13,306	2,28,581	708	18,788	5,109	3,66,492	80,420	34,550	2,590	47,740	12,667	15,643	1,93,610
Tirhut	62,285	2,46,925	245	17,940	14,069	3,41,464	69,009	25,319	2,511	31,626	12,372	5,178	1,46,015
24-Parganas	1,23,246	3,74,326	386	23,093	8,309	5,29,360	1,35,854	33,192	3,708	52,480	15,359	10,917	2,51,510
Chota-Nagpur	39,093	1,23,596	279	7,158	1,144	1,71,268	76,837	21,593	544	39,553	4,356	4,971	1,47,854
Total for Courts in the Interior: Small Cause Courts	42,736	1,35,180	22	1,605	1,073	1,80,616	42,276	10,352	12	22,907	1,066	7,012	83,625
Total for Courts in the Interior: Munsifs	17,52,961	37,16,154	7,179	1,94,240	39,323	57,13,857	9,27,036	4,16,619	27,434	4,58,944	1,32,103	1,00,119	20,62,255
Total for Courts in the Interior: Subordinate Judges	2,25,528	9,68,362	648	7,711	12,448	12,14,697	4,13,245	25,264	716	1,14,757	4,742	12,670	5,71,394
Total for Courts in the Interior: Judges and Additional Judges	98,743	7,77,299	2,318	1,79,255	88,158	11,45,773	4,27,489	2,62,755	28,296	3,25,930	1,20,269	1,30,036	12,94,775
Total for Courts in the Interior: Total	21,19,968	55,96,995	10,167	3,86,811	1,41,002	82,54,943	18,10,046	7,14,990	56,458	9,22,538	2,58,180	2,49,837	40,12,049
Total for Courts at the Presidency: Presidency Small Cause Court	3,80,929	568	41	...	5,750	3,87,288	93,696	15,616	...	63,070	...	57,267	2,29,649
Total for Courts at the Presidency: High Court, Appellate Side	...	1,65,159	...	...	28,892	1,94,051	4,06,000	...	...	2,19,899	...	44,586	6,70,485
Total for Courts at the Presidency: High Court, Original Side	...	5,30,604	50	...	...	5,30,654	62,450	...	...	1,67,956	...	18,178	2,48,584
Total for Courts at the Presidency: Total	3,80,929	6,96,331	91	...	34,642	11,11,993	5,62,146	15,616	...	4,50,925	..	1,20,031	11,48,718
Grand Total	25,00,897	62,93,326	10,258	3,86,811	1,75,644	93,66,936	23,72,192	7,30,606	56,458	13,73,463	2,58,180	3,69,868	51,60,767

T.

Statement showing the Number of Probates, Letters of Administration, Certificates and Extended Certificates, under Act XXVII of 1860 and Act VII of 1889, granted in Bengal during the financial year 1892-93, and the Amount of Duty realised thereon.

SCALE OF VALUE	COURT.	Number of Probates or Letters of Administration with Will annexed.	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Letters of Administration (as in the case of intestacy).	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of Certificates under Act XXVII of 1860 or Act VII of 1889	Amount of Court-fees paid.	Number of extended Certificates under Section 10 of Act VII of 1889	Amount of Court fees paid.
			R		R		R		R
NOT EXCEEDING R1,000	High Court	7	..	10	...	...	.	.	...
	District Court	637	..	688	...	3,439	21,579	184	1,401
ABOVE R1,000 UP TO R5,000	High Court	54	2,899	82	4,263	.	...	...	..
	District Court	200	11,842	91	4,411	670	28,174	40	2,528
ABOVE R5,000 UP TO R10,000	High Court	26	3,934	33	4,282	...	...	...	...
	District Court	60	9,095	17	2,411	78	10,804	4	1,062
ABOVE R10,000 UP TO R50,000	High Court	68	31,304	49	20,666	...	...	.	...
	District Court	61	27,769	19	6,404	76	29,014	...	...
ABOVE R50,000 UP TO R1,00,000.	High Court	20	27,381	4	6,052	..	...	..	...
	District Court	5	7,348	2	3,500	8	12,072	..	...
ABOVE R1,00,000	High Court	25	1,25,769	3	25,439	...	..		...
	District Court	6	51,080	1	2,886	7	26,092	...	...
TOTAL	High Court	200	1,91,287	181	60,702	..		...	.
	District Court	969	1,07,134	818	19,612	4,278	1,28,635	228	4,991
TOTAL. DUTIABLE		525	2,98,421	301	80,314	4,278	1,28,635	228	4,991
TOTAL. NOT DUTIABLE		644	...	698	..	...	...	..	..
TOTAL		1,169	2,98,421	999	80,314	4,278	1,28,635	228	4,991

U.

Statement showing the Receipts and Disbursements on account of the employment of Civil Court Amins during the financial year 1892-93.

DISTRICTS.	Receipts on account of Amins permanently entertained.	Disbursements on account of Amins permanently entertained.	Receipts on account of Amins temporarily employed.	Disbursements on account of Amins temporarily employed.	Amount received as fees for the employment of Munsiffs as Commissioners.	Amins permanently employed.	
						1st Grade.	2nd Grade.
	R	R	R	R	R		
Backergunge	2,592	1,440	...	...	...	1	1
Bankura	633	600	144	101	...	...	1
Birbhum	327	600	...	...	...	...	1
Bhagalpur	1,578	1,426	72	452	12	1	1
Burdwan	564	732	...	...	94	...	1
Chittagong	2,183	1,440	...	208	...	1	1
Cuttack	258	456	...	...	3	1	...
Dacca	4,041	2,677	975	1,300	...	1	3
Dinajpur	573	600	...	...	...	...	1
Faridpur	2,085	1,195	...	546	...	...	2
Gaya	111	588	...	...	...	..	1
Hooghly	567	840	...	...	3	1	...
Jessore	3,183	2,006	...	146	...	1	2
Midnapore	936	600	32	32	...	...	1
Murshidabad	492	840	...	...	...	1	...
Mymensingh	6,243	3,158	1,358	2,897	12	1	4
Noakhali	903	499	569	500	4	...	1
Nadia	918	555	...	...	...	...	1
Patna	321	600	...	...	...	...	1
Pabna and Bogra	303	350	3,426	1,781	...	1	...
Purnea	582	558	...	...	...	..	1
Rajshahi	627	1,044	...	...	...	...	2
Rangpur	1,800	1,725	...	...	...	1	2
Saran	689	870	...	...	...	1	...
Shahabad	378	168	...	...	...	...	1
Tippera	3,144	1,200	60	371	...	...	2
Tirhut	1,619	1,610	...	...	...	...	3
24-Parganas	1,765	2,015	378	181	...	1	2
Chota-Nagpur	2,099	1,450	30	47	...	...	3
Add—10 per cent. on account of pension	...	3,184	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	41,514	35,026	7,044	8,562	128	13	39

V.

Statistics of Local Enquiries, 1892.

BENGAL.

SCALE OF VALUE.	Number.	Aggregate value.	Average value.	Aggregate cost of local enquiry only.	Average cost of local enquiry.	Average time occupied in enquiry.
R		R	R	R	R	Days.
Cases not exceeding 5	52	202	4	665	13	3
Do. do. 20	298	4,187	14	5,214	17	3
Do. do. 50	336	11,758	35	5,682	17	4
Do. do. 100	266	21,064	79	5,517	21	4
Do. do. 500	379	86,189	227	13,993	37	8
Do. do. 1,000	86	63,348	736	3,910	45	10
Cases exceeding 1,000	201	16,39,970	8,159	44,165	210	28
Cases, value of which not denotable in money	1	...	..	22	22	5
TOTAL	1,619	18,26,718	1,128·30	79,168	48·80	...

W.

Number of Applications for a Declaration of Insolvency instituted, disposed of, and pending in the past as compared with the previous year.

DISTRICTS.	Instituted.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
	1891.	1892	1891.	1892	1891.	1892.
Backergunge	19	9	23	11	3	1
Bankura	4	2	4	2	...	...
Birbhum	6	2	6	5	3	...
Bhagalpur	16	15	31	14	1	2
Burdwan	6	9	10	7	2	4
Chittagong	8	8	10	9	1	...
Cuttack	5	1	8	1	1	1
Dacca	19	25	33	22	5	8
Dinajpur	8	17	13	23	2	3
Faridpur	5	2	4	4	2	...
Gaya	6	8	5	11	3	
Hooghly	25	30	25	32	4	2
Jessore	6	2	6	2	...	...
Midnapore	19	15	19	15	1	1
Murshidabad	9	2	6	6	4	...
Mymensingh	24	12	11	25	16	3
Noakhali	8	5	9	4	...	1
Nadia	5	12	4	13	1	...
Patna	4	6	7	5	3	4
Pabna and Bogra	5	4	5	4	...	...
Purnea	1	4	2	2	...	2
Rajshahi	11	14	11	12	2	4
Rangpur	9	13	9	11	2	4
Saran	8	8	11	12	5	1
Shahabad	4	4	3	4	1	1
Tippera	5	4	3	5	2	1
Tirhut	24	27	15	29	10	8
24-Parganas	76	77	109	109	23	29
Chota-Nagpur	8	5	12	10	3	2
Total	353	342	414	409	100	82

W 1.

Number of Persons declared to be Insolvents, and those who obtained their discharge during the past as compared with the previous year.

DISTRICTS.	Declared to be Insolvents.		Discharged.		Pending.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Backergunge	6	6	6	6	...	...
Bankura	3	...	2	1	1	...
Birbhum	3	2	3	2	...	...
Bhagalpur	2	4	1	8	4	...
Burdwan	6	1	6	1	...	...
Chittagong	3	2	3	1	2	3
Cuttack	4	1	4	1	...	...
Dacca	9	9	9	9	1	1
Dinajpur	4	6	4	6	...	...
Faridpur	2	...	2	...	..	...
Gaya	1	1	1	1	...	...
Hooghly	12	15	12	15	...	...
Jessore	1	...	1	...	...	...
Midnapore	4	5	4	5	...	...
Murshidabad	4	2	5	2	...	...
Mymensingh	6	4	3	2	7	9
Noakhali	3	2	3	2	...	...
Nadia	...	7	...	7	...	...
Patna	2	...	6	...	...	...
Pabna and Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea	...	1	...	1	...	...
Rajshahi	3	6	3	6	...	...
Rangpur	4	2	4	2	...	...
Saran	6	4	6	2	2	4
Shahabad	1	7	1	1	...	6
Tippera	...	2	...	2	...	...
Tirhut	5	10	...	26	16	...
24-Parganas	29	21	29	18	8	11
Chota-Nagpur	2	2	2	2	...	...
Total	125	122	120	129	41	34

W 2.

Realisations and Disbursements by Receivers appointed under Section 351 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

DISTRICTS.	Realised.		Disbursed.		Balance.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
	R	R	R	R	R	R
Backergunge	...	...	...	...	7	7
Bankura	2	...	2	...	...	...
Birbhum	21	277	59	277	...	...
Bhagalpur	1,100	295	411	984	689	...
Burdwân	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	73	703	122	707	22	18
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	1,035	2,721	1,002	40	537	3,218
Dinajpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
Faridpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gaya	...	...	...	...	8	8
Hooghly	101	10	101	10	...	...
Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	34	330	38	97	17	250
Murshidabad	17	13	17	...	...	13
Mymensingh	118	544	...	53	842	1,333
Noakhali	3	...	2	...	1	...
Nadia	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	...	...	7	...	...	...
Pabna and Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi	6	144	...	49	6	101
Rangpur	374	...	374	...	...	...
Saran	847	283	...	1,130	847	...
Shahabad	...	...	674	...	...	...
Tippera	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tirhut	...	...	...	...	...	..
24-Parganas	4,919	5,075	8,094	4,674	746	1,141
Chota-Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	8,650	10,395	10,903	8,021	3,722	6,089

X.

BUSINESS DISPOSED OF IN THE HIGH COURT DURING THE YEAR 1892.

(APPELLATE JURISDICTION.)

Provinces of Bengal, Assam and British Burma.

NATURE OF APPEALS.			Remaining at the close of 1891.	Brought before the Court in 1892.	Disposed of in 1892.	Remaining at the close of 1892.
FIRST APPEALS	From Original Decrees	of the Courts in the Interior	459a	343b	334c	468d
		of the High Court	32	24	31	25
	From Original Orders	of the Courts in the Interior	103	204	129	178
		of the High Court	...	...	...	...
SECOND APPEALS	From Appellate Decrees	of the High Court	..	...	..	...
		of the Courts in the Interior	1,725	2,193	1,545	2,373
	From Appellate Orders	of the High Court	...	...	...	...
		of the Courts in the Interior	114	244	148	210
THIRD APPEALS	From Original Decrees in the High Court	of two Judges hearing First Appeals.	1	...	1	...
	From Appellate Decrees in the High Court	of two Judges hearing Second Appeals.	...	...	...	...
		of one Judge hearing Second Appeals.	...	28	19	9
REFERENCES TO FULL BENCH.	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees	...	1	1	.
		from Original Orders	2	...	2	...
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees	5	14	11	8
		from Appellate Orders	1	...	1	...
APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW.	In First Appeals	from Original Decrees	3	3	3	3
		from Original Orders	...	1	1	..
	In Second Appeals	from Appellate Decrees	6	15	17	4
		from Appellate Orders	...	1	1	.
REFERENCES	Under Section 617, Act XIV of 1882		4	5	8	1
	Under Section 46, Act I of 1879 (Stamp Act)		1	2	2	1
	Under Section 12 of the Legal Practitioners' Act		5	2	7	...
	Under Section 23 of Act XIV of 1882		...	2	1	1
Divorce cases			...	5	2	3
Miscellaneous Orders in Court			9	417	401	25
		TOTAL	2,470	3,504	2,665	3,309
CRIMINAL.						
CRIMINAL CASES	Appeals		46	1,147	1,113	80
	References under	Section 341, Act X of 1882	...	1	1	..
		Do. 307, do.	2	15	16	1
		Do. 374, do.	1	52	48	5
		Do. 432, do.	...	2	2	...
	Revisions		28	937	904	61
	Full Bench References		...	1	..	1
	Miscellaneous Orders in Court		...	42	36	6
		TOTAL	77	2,197	2,120	154
		GRAND TOTAL	2,547	5,701	4,785	3,463

REMARKS.

a Of these 101 are Will cases.
b Of these 57 are Will cases.
c Of these 72 are Will cases
d Of these 86 are Will cases.

DAYS OF SITTINGS WITH NUMBER OF JUDGES.

Days.	Number of Judges
18	12
25	11
52	10
15	9
66	8
7	6
4	4
5	3
42	2
1	1

NOTE.—One rule *nisi* in which reference was made to a Full Bench, and which remained unheard at the close of 1891, has been disposed of. Two rules *nisi*, in which applications for review were made, have since been disposed of

Y.

Appeals, etc., instituted in the High Court in the year 1892.

(SHOWING DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS.)

DIVISIONS.	DISTRICTS.	INSTITUTED IN 1892. APPEALS FROM DECREES. First Appeals. R20,000 and upwards.	First Appeals. Below R10,000.	First Appeals. Letters of Administration.	Second Appeals. Exceeding R50 in value.	Second Appeals. Not exceeding R50 in value.	APPEALS FROM ORDERS. First Appeals.	APPEALS FROM ORDERS. Second Appeals.
CENTRAL DIVISIONS— PRESIDENCY	24-Parganas	8	16	6	53	40	19	12
	Nadia	1	12	1	15	5	6	5
	Jessore	1	3	8	58	47	6	13
	Murshidabad	5	2	3	25	18	...	1
	TOTAL	15	33	18	151	110	31	31
BURDWAN	Bankura	1	6	1	19	5	4	...
	Burdwan	...	6	2	22	13	4	4
	Birbhum	...	5	4	21	27	5	1
	Midnapore	1	4	2	51	69	5	1
	Hooghly	3	4	5	73	61	7	9
	TOTAL	5	25	14	186	175	25	15
RECORDER OF BURMA	Rangoon	...	8	...	...	...	1	...
	Moulmein	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL	...	8	...	...	...	1	...
WESTERN DIVISION— PATNA	Patna	4	16	1	116	80	14	21
	Gaya	3	24	...	28	6	11	6
	Shahabad	1	11 (a)	...	81	75	10	16
	Saran	2	7 (b)	1	29	27	2	10
	Tirhut	5	14	2	86	46	15	13
	TOTAL	15	72	4	340	234	52	66
BHAGALPUR	Bhagalpur	6	15	...	81	64	13	56
	Sonthal Parganas	...	1	...	1	...	3	1
	Purnea	1	7	...	8	6	6	...
	TOTAL	7	23	...	90	70	22	57
CHOTA-NAGPUR	Chota-Nagpur	1	4 (c)	...	45	6	1	2
ORISSA	Cuttack	...	2	...	19	10	3	4
	TOTAL	1	6	...	64	16	4	6
EASTERN DIVISION— DACCA	Dacca	6	4	2	86	52	5	11
	Faridpur	...	1	4	40	40	1	6
	Backergunge	3	4	1	29	21	12	6
	Mymensingh	3	2	1	37	28	3	5
	Tippera	1	...	1	29	49	2	10
	Noakhali	...	13	1	19	23	4	2
	TOTAL	13	24	10	240	213	27	40
RAJSHAHI	Dinajpur	1	2	...	13	8	1	8
	Rajshahi	3	3	4	27	8	9	...
	Rangpur	1	6	3	33	11	17	2
	Pabna and Bogra	...	2	...	27	15	1	5
	TOTAL	5	13	7	100	42	28	15
CHITTAGONG	Chittagong	...	1	...	34	57	2	11
	GRAND TOTAL OF LOWER PROVINCES.	61	205	53	1,205	917	192	241
ASSAM	Assam Valley Districts	...	1	...	16	6	1	2
	Sylhet	...	4	4	26	4	9	1
	Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	TOTAL	...	5	4	42	10	10	3

(a) Of these 1 suit for partition. (b) Of these 1 suit for partition. (c) Of these 1 for cancelment of lease.

Z.

Result of Appeals in the High Court during the year 1892.

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded	Otherwise disposed of.			Appeals summarily rejected under Section 551, Act XIV of 1882.	Total.
						Dismissed on default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.		
LOWER PROVINCES OF BENGAL.										
Appeals from Original Decrees.	Of District Judges	73	13	8	5	12	2	3	...	111
	„ Subordinate Judges.	123	33	18	8	11	9	10	...	212
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	Of District Judges	358	49	15	52	9	5	23	100	611
	„ Subordinate Judges.	533	44	20	62	11	11	7	186	874
Appeals from Orders	Of District Judges	82	19	2	9	14	7	4	14	151
	„ Subordinate Judges.	62	26	4	6	10	3	8	...	119
ASSAM.										
Appeals from Original Decrees.	Of District Judges	7	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	9
	„ Subordinate Judges.	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Appeals from Appellate Decrees.	Of District Judges	14	4	1	3	1	1	...	6	30
	„ Subordinate Judges.	19	6	...	...	...	...	2	3	30
Appeals from Orders	Of District Judges	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	5
	„ Subordinate Judges.	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2

Annual Statement 1 (Civil).

Statement showing the Number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising jurisdiction in Civil Cases at the close of the year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Civil Courts during 1892.

Districts.	Area.	Population.	Number of District Judgeships.	Number of Munsifs.	Total number of officers exercising jurisdiction in civil cases. — Officers exercising both original and appellate jurisdiction. — Judges of the High Court.		District and Additional Judges.		Subordinate Judges. — Subordinate Judges only.		Subordinate Judges with powers of a Small Cause Court Judge.		Small Cause Court Judges with powers of Subordinate Judges.		Small Cause Court Judges only.		Munsifs.		Number of civil cases originally decided.						Total number of miscellaneous cases decided.	Number of civil appeals decided.				Total number of miscellaneous appeals decided.	Total Receipts of Civil Courts.	Total Charges of Civil Courts.
					Europeans.	Natives.	Europeans	Natives.	Europeans.	Natives	Europeans.	Natives.	Europeans.	Natives.	Europeans.	Natives.	Europeans.	Natives.	By the High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Small Cause Court Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	By Munsifs.	Total.		By High Court.	By District and Additional Judges.	By Subordinate Judges.	Total.		R	R
Backergunge	3,649	2,153,965	1	4	...	...	2	..	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	9	...	726	31,528	32,263	3,685	...	260	411	671	114	4,74,871	2,01,506
Bankura	2,621	1,069,668	1	5	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	6	...	46	...	24	9,261	9,331	878	...	139	209	348	33	1,58,736	81,459
Birbhum	1,753	797,833	1	4	...	..	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	40	...	32	7,700	7,772	782	...	254	99	353	23	1,21,394	88,276
Bhagalpur	8,147	4,068,717	1	6	...	...	1	...	..	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	5	676	1,271	17,379	19,333	1,983	...	252	389	641	87	3,49,715	1,45,852
Burdwan	2,697	1,391,880	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	36	...	557	14,454	15,047	2,123	...	359	323	682	111	2,47,141	1,29,080
Chittagong	2,563	1,290,167	1	8	..	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	14	...	10	...	102	18,210	18,322	1,817	...	307	1,206	1,513	157	2,66,559	1,62,881
Cuttack	8,172	3,877,294	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	4	...	632	11,711	12,347	1,169	...	95	188	283	33	1,63,820	83,942
Dacca	2,797	2,420,656	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	2	..	...	...	1	..	...	...	15	..	18	3,436	228	32,081	35,763	2,416	...	444	633	1,077	92	4,44,013	2,26,669
Dinajpur	5,282	1,779,149	1	8		..	1	...	...	..	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	5	...	4	1,203	1,221	10,462	12,890	806	...	268	104	372	37	1,65,909	97,000
Faridpur	2,367	1,797,220	1	5	...	...	1	..	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	..	...	12	...	18	...	246	28,780	29,044	1,525	...	35	554	589	49	3,11,828	1,56,938
Gaya	4,712	2,138,331	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	18	...	627	1,723	2,368	757	...	152	169	321	118	1,37,568	79,916
Hooghly	1,639	1,797,921	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	14	...	21	6,383	267	19,736	26,407	4,579	...	280	743	1,023	84	3,98,564	1,91,463
Jessore	5,002	3,066,479	1	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	97	...	3,259	40,124	43,480	4,488	...	212	1,032	1,244	161	5,41,570	2,31,191

Midnapore	5,186	2,631,516	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	29	...	[illegible]	26,808	27,299	3,304	...	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,278	[illegible]	3,58,714	1,61,762
Murshidabad	2,144	1,250,946	1	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	145	...	955	14,935	16,035	919	...	[illegible]	81	389	28	1,86,342	1,08,410
Mymensingh	6,332	3,472,186	1	9	...	...	1	..	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	16	...	148	34,179	34,343	2,617	...	62	990	1,052	29	4,97,179	1,83,145
Noakhali	1,645	1,009,693	1	6	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	9	...	42	...	...	16,445	16,487	1,063	...	621	...	621	34	2,23,402	1,09,010
Nadia	2,794	1,644,108	1	5	...	...	1	...	..	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	24	...	656	19,569	20,249	1,656	...	267	108	375	36	2,28,710	1,13,088
Patna	2,076	1,769,004	1	2	...	...	1		...	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	.	5	...	10	55	564	4,191	4,820	1,269	...	306	305	611	122	2,10,242	1,04,048
Pabna and Bogra	3,291	2,179,886	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	9	...	835	14,614	15,458	973	...	209	476	685	51	2,42,428	1,07,662
Purnea	4,993	1,944,658	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	90	...	...	12,233	12,323	1,215	...	237	...	237	21	1,80,684	73,210
Rajshahi	4,232	2,128,255	1	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	25	...	627	11,217	11,869	933	...	223	157	380	39	2,02,328	1,00,863
Rangpur	6,448	2,746,816	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	9	...	7	...	2,127	19,985	22,119	1,576	...	281	311	592	46	2,85,894	1,18,279
Saran	6,184	4,326,942	1	4	...	...	1	...	..	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	10	...	597	10,727	11,334	2,139	...	282	583	865	120	2,43,362	1,11,096
Shahabad	4,365	2,063,337	1	3	...	...	1	...	..	1	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	6	...	2	...	513	6,886	7,401	1,464	...	435	590	1,025	90	2,05,386	1,06,314
Tippera	2,491	1,782,935	1	5	...	...	1	...	..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	9	...	86	28,254	28,349	2,094	...	169	1,634	1,803	66	3,66,492	1,93,610
Tirhut	6,338	5,513,400	1	6	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	22	...	480	10,538	11,040	2,030	...	557	787	1,344	148	3,41,464	1,46,015
24-Parganas	2,120	1,979,195	1	6	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	15	...	28	5,851	349	30,722	36,950	5,125	...	236	737	973	100	5,29,360	2,51,510
Chota-Nagpur	26,966	4,628,792	1	7	...	...	1	...	5	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	1,275	4,716	5,991	1,311	...	183	585	768	55	1,71,268	1,47,854
TOTAL	138,966	687,21,049	29	154	...	...	29	2	5	29	1	21	...	1	3	2	2	283	...	794	17,606	18,866	509,168	546,434*	56,691	...	7,841	14,274	22,115	2,208	82,54,943	40,12,049
Calcutta	8	594,398	...	...	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	619	...	27,158	...	...	27,777	1,784	1,859	...	...	1,859	270	11,11,993	11,48,718
GRAND TOTAL	1,38,974	6,93,15,447	29	154	10	3	27	2	5	29	1	21	...	1	5	5	2	283*	619	794	44,764	18,866	5,09,168	5,74,211	58,475	1,859	7,841	14,274	23,974	2,478	93,66,936	51,60,767

* Of these, two are Deputy Magistrates exercising the powers of a Munsif.

Annual Statement 2 (Civil).

Statement showing the Number and Description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1892.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or movable property.											Suits under the Rent Law.									Title and other Suits.																		
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money lent and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Movable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Other suits for money or movables not already mentioned.	Total.	Arrears of rent with or without ejectment or cancellement of lease.	Enhancement or abatement of rent.	Relating to Distraint.	Damages for extortion, or for withholding receipts, or on account of illegal restraint, or other cause.	For Pottas or Kabuliats.	For ejectment or recovery of possession.	For recovery of money or accounts from Agents.	All other suits under the Rent Law not included above.	Total.	Suits for immovable property.	Suits for Declaratory Decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real Property, including Pre-emption, Foreclosure, etc.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to Religious Endowments.	Suits to set aside Judgments, Contracts or Obligations on the ground of Fraud.	Suits for Dissolution of Marriage.	Suits for Enforcement of Matrimonial rights.	Suits for Partition.	Suits relating to Shipping.	Suits relating to Religion and Caste.	Administration Suits.	Interpleader Suits.	Dissolution of Partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other Suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.	Grand Total.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																							
I.—Civil Courts.																																							
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	65,298	5,627	4,216	998	2,294	420	4,093	1,744	3,398	1,486	89,574	2,05,480	1,032	187	125	116	393	24	253	307,609	19,966	1,093	7,424	4,345	399	792	28	422	18	456	420	...	1	1	5	5	...	377	35,752	332,935
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	96,990	18,635	12,237	2,756	14,005	1,605	673	4,954	4,589	545	156,919	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	156,919
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	6,883	2,351	963	196	5,036	497	573	207	276	256	17,432	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,432
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	3	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	11
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	1,632	58	155	32	37	9	23	30	74	56	2,106	760	8	...	...	44	15	1	1	829	896	141	43	179	36	127	4	80	5	6	167	...	1	4	1	15	...	37	1,733	4,668
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	9,366	884	1,385	132	800	125	68	236	280	56	13,332	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,332
Chief Courts of Districts	83	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	6	1	72	67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	18	...	...	16	5	11	3	...	5	...	1	...	...	8	...	...	444	2	513	652
Total	180,195	27,555	18,958	4,115	22,173	2,857	5,430	7,171	8,587	2,401	279,442	206,307	1,040	187	125	159	408	25	254	208,505	20,883	1,234	7,467	4,531	440	930	35	502	28	462	588	...	2	13	6	21	444	416	38,002	525,949
II.—Revenue Courts.																																							
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,934	8	91	33	6	172	15	34	5,293	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,293
District Courts:—Collectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,054	35	77	11	15	24	9	51	6,236	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,236
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,948	43	168	44	21	196	24	85	11,529	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,529
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	1,80,195	27,555	18,958	4,115	22,173	2,857	5,430	7,171	8,587	2,401	2,79,442	2,17,255	1,083	355	169	180	604	49	339	2,20,034	20,883	1,234	7,467	4,531	440	930	35	502	28	462	588	...	2	13	6	21	444	416	38,002	537,478
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																																							
Presidency Small Cause Court	4,852	2,851	867	818	9,672	2,821	4,118	160	675	80	26,934	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26,934
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	251	1	69	5	48	12	5	7	78	16	489	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	3	2	11	107	...	...	...	18	...	...	22	...	7	...	20	218	707
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	7	7
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Total	5,103	2,852	956	823	9,720	2,833	4,123	167	753	96	27,423	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	3	2	11	107	...	...	5	...	18	1	...	22	...	7	7	20	231	27,654

Annual Statement 3 (Civil).

Statement showing Number and Value of Suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1892.

Class of Courts.	Number of Suits instituted in the different courts. Value not exceeding R10. Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Value not exceeding R50. Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the Rent Law	Title and other suits.	Value not exceeding R100. Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Value not exceeding R500. Suits for money or moveables.	Suits under the Rent Law.	Title and other suits.	Value not exceeding R1,000.	Value not exceeding R5,000.	Value not exceeding R10,000.	Value not exceeding R1,00,000.	Value exceeding R1,00,000.	The value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total.	Total value of Suits.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																				R
I.—Civil Courts.																				
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under ordinary procedure	3,919	61,883	5,947	21,429	101,837	15,927	24,590	26,404	5,970	36,152	16,774	6,655	5,426	83	...	...	...	439	332,935	2,36,68,792
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals — Under Small Cause Court powers	22,588	...	...	108,332	...	...	25,999	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	156,919	50,81,035
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	2,337	...	...	7,031	...	...	4,159	...	...	3,787	...	...	118	...	...	...	...	...	17,432	13,20,216
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	1	...	...	11	33,793
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under ordinary procedure	17	...	3	29	...	73	8	...	36	22	2	74	34	3,622	420	292	28	18	4,668	2,24,67,067
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts — Under Small Cause Court powers	667	...	...	4,463	...	...	3,818	...	...	4,381	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,332	12,40,662
Chief Courts of Districts	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	19	...	...	156	109	256	22	30	5	47	652	23,19,598
Total	29,528	61,883	5,950	141,275	101,837	16,008	58,574	26,404	6,025	44,345	16,775	6,885	5,687	3,971	442	323	33	504	525,949	5,61,30,563
II.—Revenue Courts.																				
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	1,844	...	...	2,439	...	...	563	...	...	390	...	43	13	...	...	...	1	5,293	2,47,660
District Courts :—Collectors	...	1,162	...	...	3,029	...	...	1,033	...	...	859	...	82	37	2	...	...	32	6,236	4,58,936
Total	...	3,006	...	...	5,468	...	...	1,596	...	...	1,249	...	125	50	2	...	...	33	11,529	7,06,596
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	29,528	64,389	5,950	141,275	107,305	16,008	58,574	28,000	6,025	44,345	18,024	6,885	5,812	4,021	444	323	33	537	537,478	5,68,37,159
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																				
Presidency Small Cause Court	6,020	...	...	11,838	...	...	3,648	...	...	4,140	...	...	723	565	...	...	...	...	26,934	27,94,771
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	242	119	105	8	218	707	44,13,073
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Admiralty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Testamentary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction — Matrimonial	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	...
Total	6,020	...	...	11,838	...	...	3,648	...	...	4,140	...	...	738	807	119	105	8	231	27,654	72,07,844

Annual Statement 4 (Civil).

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1892.

Part I.—Civil Suits.

Class of Courts.	Number of suits before the courts.							Number of suits disposed of														Average number of days the suits were pending.	
	Pending from last year.	Instituted in 1892.	Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562 of Act XIV of 1882.	Reviews under Section 626.	Revived under Section 99, 103, 108, or 371.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Without Trial. Plaint rejected or returned.	Without Trial. Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Without Trial. Withdrawn with leave.	Without Contest. Compromised.	Without Contest. Decreed on confession.	Without Contest. Decreed ex parte.	Without Contest. Dismissed ex parte.	On reference to Arbitration. For plaintiff.	On reference to Arbitration. For defendant.	With Contest. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	With Contest. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days contested.	Average number of days uncontested.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
I.—Civil Courts.																								
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under ordinary procedure	63,534	332,935	51,761	906	533	8,063	462,732	52,007	727	34,596	12,244	57,349	16,063	145,660	988	604	209	67,972	15,943	352,376	58,340	24,251	154	72
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals. — Under Small Cause Court powers	15,803	156,919	2,798	4	143	1,946	177,613	2,942	306	34,845	1,497	17,935	10,074	72,333	614	97	71	13,919	4,901	156,792	17,879	420	49	37
Small Cause Courts — As Small Cause Court Judges	2,069	17,432	22	4	26	342	19,895	93	58	2,691	196	1,338	2,345	7,521	36	14	7	2,656	744	17,606	2,196	367	67	39
Small Cause Courts — Under powers of Subordinate Judge	2	11	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	1	5	8	1	...	...	2	1	12	1	...	425	64
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under ordinary procedure	2,961	4,668	1,154	47	23	120	8,993	935	43	178	106	1,006	145	1,232	7	41	6	1,739	512	5,075	3,043	2,212	[illegible]	150
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts. — Under Small Cause Court powers	1,170	13,332	598	7	35	287	15,429	492	36	2,465	122	2,021	900	5,591	110	12	5	1,891	596	13,639	1,098	18	[illegible]	30
Chief Courts of Districts	233	652	191	1	4	9	1,090	55	2	82	12	90	41	126	2	4	...	279	156	794	241	118	[illegible]	93
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Suits for money or moveables	39,608	279,442	14,715	167	363	4,644	338,939	14,724	666	53,312	2,949	37,597	19,968	126,607	1,000	291	198	32,913	9,962	285,403	38,812	6,283	[illegible]	45
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Suits under the Rent Law	30,421	208,505	31,888	396	261	4,880	276,351	31,883	272	17,138	8,668	30,628	8,553	102,999	663	144	77	43,985	5,533	218,660	25,808	10,968	[illegible]	69
Total of each class for Civil Courts. — Title and other Suits	20,763	88,002	9,921	406	140	1,243	70,475	9,912	234	4,407	2,560	11,515	1,162	3,059	95	337	83	11,561	7,358	42,371	18,192	10,530	[illegible]	139
Total	90,792	535,949	56,524	969	764	107	685,765	56,524	1,172	74,857	14,177	79,740	29,683	232,665	1,758	772	298	88,459	22,853	546,434	82,807	27,671	[illegible]	58
II.—Revenue Courts.																								
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	1,793	5,293	6,282	60	157	154	13,739	43	11	1,786	242	809	922	4,982	69	15	...	2,567	840	12,263	1,433	151	75	45
District Courts:—Collectors	...	6,236	1	...	...	15	6,252	6,240	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	10	2	...	[illegible]	42
Total	1,793	11,529	6,283	60	157	169	19,991	6,283	11	1,789	242	811	922	4,982	69	15	...	2,569	843	12,273	1,435	[illegible]	[illegible]	43
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	92,585	537,478	62,807	1,029	921	10,936	705,756	62,807	1,183	76,646	14,419	80,551	30,605	237,647	1,827	787	298	91,048	23,696	558,707	84,242	27,822	[illegible]	57
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
Presidency Small Cause Court	1,751	28,984	...	...	36	262	28,983	...	8	1,491	667	8,658	4,006	6,890	14	80	28	4,190	1,120	27,165	[illegible]	[illegible]	61	20
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	698	767	...	...	...	...	1,395	...	2	98	40	26	85	162	5	2	...	141	25	606	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	270
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Admiralty	20	1	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	21	189
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Testamentary	19	2	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	235	249
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction. — Matrimonial	25	5	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	334
Total	[illegible]	27,[illegible]	...	...	36	[illegible]	30,[illegible]	...	10	[illegible]	709	8,695	4,096	7,056	19	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,156	27,777	[illegible]	1,034	[illegible]	24

Annual Statement 4 (Civil).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of Civil and Revenue Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1892.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Class of Courts.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1892.	Received otherwise.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Disposed of												Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending at close of year.	Of these pending over three months.	Average number of days the cases were pending.
									Without Trial.			Without Contest.				On reference to Arbitration		With Contest.					
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Reviewed under Section 623.	Revived under Sections 99, 103, 108.			Application rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default or want of prosecution.	Withdrawn with leave.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex-parte.	Dismissed ex-parte.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.				
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																								
I.—Civil Courts.																								
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	7,539	40,137	563	46	23	404	48,712	534	395	6,855	516	2,025	1,567	8,386	1,053	17	6	12,141	8,028	40,989	7,189	1,082	52
Small Cause Courts. As Small Cause Court Judges	161	1,033	...	1	1	6	1,202	2	10	60	8	38	9	87	12	...	...	449	377	1,050	150	41	45
Small Cause Courts. Under powers of Subordinate Judge	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	53
District Courts other than Chief Courts of District	764	5,316	354	5	6	43	6,488	159	363	518	69	176	100	1,522	72	2	1	1,543	1,129	5,495	834	184	95
Chief Courts of District	1,543	8,881	159	3	13	65	10,664	279	78	561	172	156	84	6,422	418	3	7	751	504	9,156	1,229	247	51
Total	10,007	55,368	1,076	55	43	518	67,067	974	846	7,994	765	2,395	1,760	16,417	1,555	22	14	14,885	10,038	56,691	9,402	1,554	52
II.—Revenue Courts.																								
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	104	907	23	...	2	...	1,036	2	46	89	8	20	1	90	23	...	...	383	110	770	264	20	31
District Courts:—Collectors	32	365	...	...	...	...	397	21	...	5	...	5	...	197	2	...	...	147	2	358	18	1	99
Total	136	1,272	23	...	2	...	1,433	23	46	94	8	25	1	287	25	...	...	530	112	1,128	282	21	54
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	10,143	56,640	1,099	55	45	518	68,500	997	892	8,088	773	2,420	1,761	16,704	1,580	22	14	15,415	10,150	57,819	9,684	1,575	52
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																								
Presidency Small Cause Court	114	1,788	...	...	...	9	1,911	...	7	225	37	135	250	169	9	5	1	589	357	1,784	127	6	19
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	114	1,788	...	...	...	9	1,911	...	7	225	37	135	250	169	9	5	1	589	357	1,784	127	6	19

Annual Statement 5 (Civil).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 189?.

PART I.—APPEALS FROM DECREES.

CLASS OF COURTS.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 189?.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Decisions confirmed under Section 551.	Dismissed for default, Section 556, 557, or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of those pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561 of Act XIV of 1882.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Returns under Section 656, Act XIV of 1882.	Remands under Section 562.	Revivals under Sections 548, 560.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.					
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	5,824	631	12,986	44	61	241	19,787	959	...	1,254	255	67	164	37	7,897	1,248	2,811	541	14,274	4,554	3,434	254	741
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	8,173	20,923	862	19	43	63	30,083	12,892	41	934	122	30	159	13	4,190	928	1,126	298	7,841	9,350	5,962	204	637
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Courts of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total of each Class for Civil Courts. — Appeals from decisions in suits for money or movables	2,498	4,182	2,652	11	9	73	9,425	2,659	13	350	69	12	60	7	2,460	416	881	119	4,387	2,379	1,632	218	251
In suits under the Rent Law	5,882	10,066	5,673	22	32	101	21,776	5,674	14	1,076	247	76	226	19	5,499	1,185	1,625	394	10,271	5,831	3,611	208	571
In Title and other suits	5,617	7,306	5,523	30	63	130	18,669	5,518	14	762	61	9	37	24	4,218	575	1,431	326	7,457	5,694	4,153	285	556
TOTAL	13,997	21,554	13,848	63	104	304	49,870	13,851	41	2,188	377	97	323	50	12,087	2,176	3,937	839	22,115	13,904	9,396	237	1,378
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts	285	868	1	...	...	1	1,155	1	30	17	7	...	2	9	524	99	69	91	848	306	102	114	...
GRAND TOTAL FOR COURTS IN THE INTERIOR	14,282	22,422	13,849	63	104	305	51,025	13,852	71	2,205	384	97	325	59	12,611	2,275	4,006	930	22,963	14,210	9,498	232	1,378
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																							
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions by Courts in the interior	446	315	4	...	...	15	780	...	...	47	...	...	...	...	196	21	46	13	323	457	379	450	46
From decisions on the Original side	32	24	...	...	...	...	56	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	25	..	1	...	31	25	25	93	...
APPEALS FROM APPELLATE DECREES.																							
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	1,669	2,122	...	...	...	19	3,810	...	286	66	...	...	...	...	891	35	93	114	1,485	2,325	1,778	289	102
From decisions by a single Judge or Bench on appeal in the Chief Court	1	28	...	...	...	..	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	2	20	9	5	89	...
TOTAL	2,148	2,489	4	...	...	34	4,675	...	286	118	...	...	...	...	1,130	56	140	129	1,859	2,816	2,187	311	148

Annual Statement 5 (Civil).

Statement showing the Business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1892.

Part II.—Miscellaneous Appeals.

Class of Courts.	Appeals remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1892.	Otherwise received.				Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Appeals summarily rejected, Section 551.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard ex-parte.				Contested.				Total disposed of, omitting transfers.	Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average number of days the appeals were pending.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.
			Received by transfer from other Courts.	Reviewed under Section 626, Act XIV of 1882.	Remands under Section 563.	Restored to file under Sections 558, 560.					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded under Section 562.					
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																							
First Appeals.																							
A.—Civil Courts.																							
Chief Appellate Court other than Chief Court of District	60	77	99	...	...	1	237	20	...	14	4	...	18	4	94	7	38	12	191	26	5	111	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	471	1,935	13	1	5	26	2,451	92	37	221	102	5	54	13	1,064	65	377	79	2,017	342	88	76	10
Superior Appellate Court other than Chief Court of Province	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	531	2,012	112	1	5	27	2,688	112	37	235	106	5	72	17	1,158	72	415	91	2,208	368	93	79	10
B.—Revenue Courts.																							
Collectors' Appellate Courts	6	19	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	7	2	9	2	23	2	...	70	1
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	537	2,031	112	1	5	27	2,713	112	37	236	107	5	72	18	1,165	74	424	93	2,231	370	93	79	11
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																							
First Appeals.																							
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions by Courts in the interior	100	192	...	...	...	1	293	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	69	5	14	6	125	168	123	254	4
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions on the Original side	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	100	192	...	...	...	1	293	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	69	5	14	6	125	168	123	254	4
Second Appeals.																							
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions by Appellate Courts in the interior	111	241	...	...	...	...	352	...	14	15	...	...	...	...	75	1	31	9	145	207	163	246	56
Chief Court of Province. — From decisions of a single Judge or Bench on appeal in the Chief Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	111	241	...	...	...	...	352	...	14	15	...	...	...	...	75	1	31	9	145	207	163	246	56

Annual Statement 6 (Civil).

Statement showing the Result of Proceedings on Applications for the Execution of the Decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Lower Provinces of Bengal in the year 1892.

CLASS OF COURTS.	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH					APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF.						DETAILS OF ENTRIES IN COLUMN 9.							AMOUNT REALIZED.		NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS										
	Pending at the end of 1891.	Filed. The decree being those of the Court in which execution is taken out.	Filed. The decree being those of other Courts transferred for execution.	Restored to the file for any cause.	Total.	Transferred. To another Court under Section 228	Transferred. To the Collector under Section 320	Wholly or partly satisfied.	Wholly infructuous.	Total.	Pending at the end of 1892	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Satisfaction obtained through the Court	Adjusted under Section 258.	Satisfaction obtained with the issue of process	Satisfaction obtained without the issue of process	With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process	On which the judgment-debtor was imprisoned	On which he was arrested under Section 336, but released without imprisonment	On which his moveable property: Was sold.	On which his moveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 276	On which his immoveable property: Was sold.	On which his immoveable property: Was dealt with under Sections 306, 332, or 336	On which his immoveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 276	On which possession was given: On which Specific Performance was enforced	On which possession was given: Of Moveables, Section 266.	On which possession was given: Of Immoveables, Sections 263 and 264	On which Partition was effected, Section 265	On which Execution was effected otherwise than in the preceding columns.
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																
I.—Civil Courts.																																
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-divisional Tribunals	73,836	3,09,224	13,161	1,360	3,96,171	7,681	246	1,79,653	1,23,010	3,19,490	76,681	20,506	1,03,957	75,596	1,36,308	43,246	1,60,246	19,307	89,88,904	11,36,234	422	1,456	14,658	6,278	48,421	1,130	29,561	364	198	6,744	42	11,398
Small Cause Courts	1,696	12,456	16	7	14,175	444	..	6,210	7,945	12,708	1,467	77	1,793	3,427	2,464	1,855	4,112	207	1,33,138	17,028	66	200	447	413	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	15
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	4,979	19,333	1,329	274	26,515	1,897	2	9,867	10,607	21,143	4,672	1,727	4,140	4,447	7,192	1,395	7,560	1,027	66,51,357	5,69,502	58	86	815	354	1,893	33	1,131	1	21	404	4	569
Chief Courts of Districts	465	651	361	10	1,507	144	...	582	411	1,137	370	226	354	228	497	95	532	60	7,06,478	44,061	1	5	17	4	173	10	134	1	...	11	...	85
Total	79,966	3,41,664	14,867	1,551	4,37,868	10,156	248	1,93,041	1,51,033	3,54,476	83,190	22,535	1,10,243	83,798	1,46,451	46,590	1,72,440	20,601	1,64,48,777	17,64,915	557	1,747	16,137	7,046	50,187	1,173	30,826	366	219	7,159	46	12,067
II.—Revenue Courts.																																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	..		...	...	...	...		...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	1,326	6,954	361	244	8,917	28	44	3,748	3,213	7,029	1,789	216	2,745	1,003	2,306	443	3,634	114	1,06,596	6,575	9	10	492	734	320	2	608	7	11	122	.	6
District Courts.—Collectors	84	1,189	45	31	1,339	352	...	694	232	1,188	151	6	441	163	526	68	554	40	42,741	664	1	1	88	170	217	...	89	...	9	23	...	1
Total	1,512	8,143	436	275	10,166	385	44	4,342	3,445	8,216	1,940	222	3,186	1,166	3,832	510	4,188	154	1,49,337	7,239	10	11	580	904	537	2	697	7	20	145	...	7
Grand Total for Courts in the Interior	80,978	3,49,707	15,812	1,826	4,47,934	10,541	292	1,97,383	1,54,478	3,62,694	85,130	22,757	1,13,429	83,964	1,50,283	47,100	1,76,628	20,755	1,65,98,114	17,72,154	567	1,758	16,717	7,950	50,724	1,175	31,523	373	239	7,312	46	12,014
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY.																																
Presidency Small Cause Court	795	26,984	211	...	27,990	1,343	...	21,301	4,439	27,073	917	263	5,545	15,846	19,546	1,845	6,450	12,941	2,71,164	4,85,516	120	223	750	1,800	...	...	...	..	45	...		...
Superior Courts of General Jurisdiction	713	166	62	...	941	89	...	269	21	319	622	607	...	...	...	...	309	21	9	...	3	...	7	6	109	..	47	..	...	7	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction: Admiralty	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	.	..	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction: Testamentary	8	.	...	...	8	1	...	...	...	1	7	7	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts of Special Jurisdiction: Matrimonial	3	..	...		3	1		...	...	1	2	2	...	...	...		...	..	...	...			...		..	...	...	..				
Total	1,519	27,150	273		28,942	1,334	...	21,600	4,460	27,394	1,548	879	5,545	15,846	19,546	1,845	6,659	12,962	2,71,173	4,85,516	123	223	757	1,806	109	...	47	...	45	7	...	

Annual Statement 7 (Civil).

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Lower Provinces of Bengal during the year 1892.

Part I.—Showing the Number and Result of Applications under Section 344 and the number of Insolvents before the Court.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency. Number of Applications dealt with. Pending at the close of the previous year.	Filed during the year. By judgment-debtor. Under arrest or imprisonment.	Filed during the year. By judgment-debtor. Not under arrest or imprisonment.	Filed during the year. By decree-holders.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Applications disposed of. Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	Granted. A Receiver being appointed.	Granted. A Receiver not being appointed.	Rejected. Penal proceedings under Section 560 not being taken.	Rejected. Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 350.	Rejected. Applicant being sent to the Magistrate, to be dealt with.	Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Persons declared to be insolvents. Number before the Court. Remaining at close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer	Total	Disposed of. Transferred.	Died.	Discharged. Under Section 351.	Discharged. Under Section 355.	Remaining at the close of the year.
Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	23	23*	7	...	49	102	...	36	5	19	19	1	...	80	22	1	24		25	...	...	21	1	3
Chief Courts of Districts	77	221	90	1	...	389	49	81	32	72	95	...	...	329	60	40	98	...	138	..	.	89	18	31
Superior Courts	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	100	244	97	1	49	491	49	117	37	91	114	1	...	409	82	41	122	...	163	...	...	110	19	34

* Of these, two were revived.

Part II.—Showing the Number of Estates in the hands of Receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Class of Courts.	Number of Insolvents' Estates in the hands of Receivers. Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a Receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Amount of Creditors' claims dealt with during the year. Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of Insolvents' Assets realized and outstanding. Amount of realized assets in the hands of Receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of Receivers at the close of the year.
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Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts specially empowered	4	1	2	3	25,850	979	328	...	26,501	...	5	...	5
Chief Courts of Districts	55	32	24	63	5,07,246	48,601	1,639	7,641	5,44,391	3,715	10,390	8,021	6,084
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	59	33	26	66	5,33,096	49,580	1,967	7,641	5,70,892	3,715	10,395	8,021	6,089